



# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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## Merry Christmas

### Grayling man, three others indicted for hazardous waste situation

Four Michigan men, including one from Grayling, have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges relating to improper hazardous waste disposal, Department of Environmental Quality Director Russell Harding announced Monday, Dec. 23.

The indictments stem from a successful joint state and federal investigation. They were formally announced by U.S. Attorney Saul Green.

"This effort reflects the excellent working relationship between the DEQ and investigative forces of the federal government," Harding said. "Anyone who willfully violates Michigan's environmental laws must know that they face a corps of dedicated professionals who vigilantly safeguard our resources."

Charged are Stephen Lord, 45, of Grand Blanc; Martin Stevenson, 41, of Prudenville; Robert M. Adams, 44, of Houghton Lake Heights; and Donald Lowmsberry, 45, of Grayling.

The charges cap a probe into the alleged mismanagement of waste paint and solvents which originated from a painting operation at a Lakeside Stamping plant near West Branch. The West Branch operation was a branch facility of the main Lakeside Stamping plant in Prudenville. The company has since filed for bankruptcy.

At the time, Lord was president of Lakeside Stamping Inc., while Stevenson and Adams held management positions with the company. Lowmsberry was a truck driver.

The West Branch facility was engaged in the painting of military vehicle cargo racks for the U.S. Department of Defense. The events charged in the federal indictment actually occurred at the Prudenville site.

All four defendants are charged with conspiracy to dispose of hazardous waste without a permit and one count of knowingly disposing of hazardous waste without a permit. Stevenson also was charged with one count of falsely representing on a manifest that a dumpster of waste contained hydraulic oil when he knew that it actually contained methyl ethyl ketone (MEK), a hazardous waste.

If convicted, each charge could result in prison terms of up to five years and maximum fines of \$250,000. The men are scheduled to appear before a federal magistrate in Bay City on Dec. 30.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt.

According to the grand jury indictment, on approximately May 11, 1993, a dumpster load of waste containing MEK was improperly disposed of in a landfill not authorized to receive hazardous waste. The waste was generated by Lakeside Stamping Inc.

An investigation was launched following discovery of paint-related wastes in a nonhazardous solid waste dumpster at the Prudenville plant by a

DEQ inspector.

DEQ Criminal Investigations Section officers learned that the dumpster had been shipped to the City Environmental Services of Waters Inc. nonhazardous waste landfill in Crawford County. DEQ investigators discovered the shipment in time to have the hazardous waste excavated from the landfill with the assistance of City Environmental Services of Waters.

The waste was redirected to a licensed hazardous waste disposal facility. The DEQ later determined that the wastes originated at the West Branch plant. An investigation of the facility showed that painting solvents were being improperly accumulated and dangerously stored.

As a result of the DEQ investigation at the West Branch plant, Ogemaw County Prosecutor Frederick MacKinnon filed charges against Lakeside Stamping in September 1993, for violating state law regarding the improper management and handling of hazardous wastes.

On June 30, 1994, the company pleaded no contest to improperly storing waste MEK in such a fashion that it placed people in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury.

Ogemaw County District Judge Carl Horn ordered Lakeside to pay a \$40,000 fine and reimburse the state's investigation expense of \$10,000.

The present federal charges implicate individuals from the Prudenville facility who are alleged to be personally responsible for the improper disposal in 1993. These charges result from a cooperative effort by the DEQ, FBI and special agents of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Nonhazardous waste landfills, such as the City Environmental Services of Waters Inc. site in Crawford County, are not designed or operated to accept hazardous wastes from medium to large quantity hazardous waste generators. Only exempted small volumes, nonhazardous commercial, low-hazard industrial, or household wastes are permitted in these types of facilities.

The "cradle-to-grave" hazardous waste manifest system provides a monitoring procedure to ensure that managed hazardous wastes reach properly licensed disposal facilities. Computers are used to flag situations where a waste shipment does not reach the proper destination.

When this system is tampered with, such as through falsification of waste classification and descriptions as alleged in these charges, the protections afforded by this system cannot come into play.

### Brothers are victim, suspect in shooting

An argument between two brothers from Frederic Township got out of hand Friday night, leaving one brother shot.

The victim in the Dec. 20 shooting was transported to Grayling Mercy Hospital by Frederic Ambulance and North Flight. He was treated and released.

Following the shooting, Crawford County deputies apprehended the suspect without further incident. The suspect has been lodged in the Crawford County Jail on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

The names of the victim and suspect are being withheld pending arraignment.

The incident occurred at a Frederic Township residence. Both men were intoxicated and an initial argument progressed into a fight, according to Crawford County Det. Richard Meyer.

One of the two brothers grabbed a shotgun from the residence and shot the other in the hand, Meyer said. It was bird shot that came from the shotgun.

### Downhill fun



Photo by Lisa Hoffman  
**OPENING OF THE SEASON—**Skiers and snowboarders were out in full force this weekend at Hanson Hills opened it's new skiing season.

## Road commission to sand lot on temporary basis

*Board chair, road commission director negotiate a 'salting' agreement*

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The issue of salting the Crawford County Courthouse parking lot during the winter months came to the forefront of the Wednesday, Dec. 18 county board of commissioners meeting.

A letter from the Crawford County Road Commission stated to the commissioners that the road commission would no longer salt the parking lot, because it is not in its jurisdiction and the commission could be held liable.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners believed the county

road commission should plow the county's parking lot, so the commissioners approved a motion to send a letter to the road commission stating that the road commission must salt the parking lot whenever the county clerk deems it necessary.

Following the meeting and the conflict of interest between the two county organizations, Crawford County Board Chairman Bruce Bretzke and Road Commission Managing Director James Briney negotiated an agreement Friday, Dec. 20 to settle the dispute for the time being.

A letter from Briney to Bretzke following the negotiating process read, "As a follow up to our mutual negotiation please know that The Road Commission For Crawford County, periodically and on occasion, will provide sand for the parking lot area in the vicinity of the Courthouse; until such time as the County Board identifies a private contractor and budgets for this winter maintenance activity."

During Wednesday's county board meeting, Commissioner Dennis Long voiced his opinion in this matter.

"This is an example of a double pay from taxpayers," Long said.

"This is not a private parking lot, but a county parking lot," Long said. "The public can point to this and say my tax dollars pay for this."

They should be held responsible, Long concluded.

There are constraints under the law which states it is only lawful to handle public roads and bridges in the road commission's jurisdiction, Briney said.

The negotiated agreement with Bretzke is temporary until the board can figure out how the county will handle it, Briney said. The road commission only will sand the lot once or twice on an emergency basis.

The county commissioners appoint the road commissioners, but the commission operates under a separate budget.

## Bancroft's recount bid falls short

*Long retains board seat*

According to election laws, a candidate for a federal, state, county, city, township, village or school office who feels that the canvass of the votes cast on the office is incorrect because of fraud or error in the precinct may petition for a recount of the votes cast in the precincts involved.

That is just what one Crawford County Board of Commissioners candidate did, but the recount of votes in this case didn't change the final result.

Republican incumbent Dennis J. Long will retain his District 1 county board seat. Norman Bancroft, the Democratic challenger in the District 1 race, filed for the recount of district

votes. District 1 covers the City of Grayling residents.

The Crawford County Board of Canvassers met Wednesday, Dec. 11 at the county courthouse to conduct the recount. Every item in the recount checklist was marked as being done correctly on election night.

The only difference was the final vote total for Long. According to the Nov. 5 election results prior to the recount, Long defeated Bancroft 357 votes to 279. The recount gave Long two additional votes for a 359 total.

Bancroft paid the \$10 deposit fee for the recount to be conducted. According to county officials, the cost of the recount is estimated at \$304.

The deposit would have been refunded to the candidate who requested the recount had the recount changed the outcome of the election. Since in this case it did not change the outcome, the county keeps the deposit.

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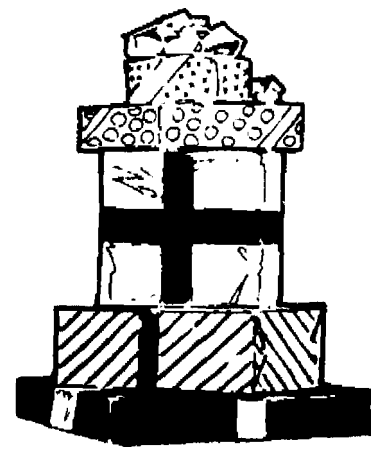
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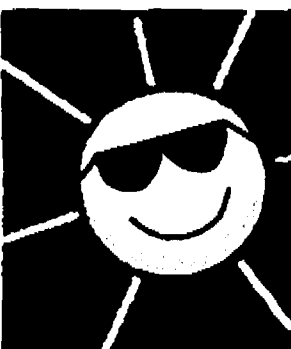
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**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** -- The Students of the Month from Grayling Middle School are (in alphabetical order) Jon Boerger, Samantha Davis, Angela Decker, Coty Denewett, Sean Doyle, Craig Enlow, Emily Fox, Dave Golnick, Jessica Green, Kelly Jansen, Juell Joseph, Marcus Hagle, Lindsey Knapp, Vicky Lukaszewicz, Marcus Marelich, Sheana McClain, Meghan Meyer, Rachel Miller, Amber Moore, Travis Nelson, Heidi Niederer, Lucuss Odden, Shannon Plutko, Amanda St. Amour, Michelle Salyers, Max Schreiner, Gwen Seifert, Chuck Silk, Marx Stephan, Andrea Vogel, Chris Wakeley, Regina Young and Chris Youngblood.

## County to look at Housing recommendation

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

Two commissioners have been directed to check into the Crawford County Housing Commission's process of recommending a candidate after some controversy surrounding its latest recommendation for Housing Rehabilitation Specialist/Inspector.

By consensus, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners at its Wednesday, Dec. 18 board meeting directed County Board Vice-Chairman Dennis Long and Housing Committee Chairman John Hartman to investigate the matter with the Housing Commission.

A motion initially made at the board meeting to hire Gerald Balmes based on a letter of recommendation from the Housing Commission. A motion to table that action followed which was approved by the commissioners.

Commissioner Dennis Long said the motion should be tabled because he

had heard that there may have been inconsistencies in the process of interviewing candidates for the rehabilitation specialist/inspector position.

The matter came up again during the "Citizens Who Wish to Speak" portion of the county board's agenda. John Cusack, a county resident and applicant for the housing position, spoke before the board.

Cusack was concerned that he wasn't notified that he would not be interviewed for the position and the reasoning. He said every applicant for any county position should be sent a "thank you" for applying so they know they won't be getting the position.

Long asked Cusack what his qualifications for the position were. Cusack told the board that he works in real estate and is a certified appraiser.

The Housing Rehabilitation Specialist/Inspector is the Housing Commission's field man. According to Chairman Bruce Bretzke, the

position involves doing appraising and handling some real estate items.

Long said the reason he brought up the idea of tabling the motion to approve the other candidate was the qualifications of Cusack, who wasn't given an interview for the position.

According to Long, there were 10 applicants for the position and eight were given interviews.

"I figured there must be a vast difference in the two applicants who weren't given interviews, but found out today (Dec. 18) from Mr. Cusack that this doesn't seem to be fact," Long said.

The process of applying for a position should mean that every applicant is treated fairly, Long said.

According to Bretzke, the purpose of sending Long and Hartman to investigate is to see that everything was conducted fairly. If Long and Hartman are not satisfied with their findings, then, if needed, someone from the Housing Commission would

be brought before the county board.

In other board items, Bretzke designated Commissioner Bob Smock, Jr. to head a task force into looking into the representation of the Grayling Recreation Authority.

Smock brought up the issue of GRA members at the board meeting. He said the authority should be more represented on a county-wide basis, since GRA is funded by a county-wide millage.

GRA currently is represented by members appointed by area governmental boards with only two being picked by the county board.



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## Think safety when using greens for holiday decorations

In many homes, decorating with cut evergreen boughs is as much a holiday tradition as putting up a Christmas tree.

In the warm, dry air inside most homes, cut greens dry out quickly and may pose a significant fire hazard. Michigan State University Extension safety specialist Howard Doss urges people to use only freshly cut greens and to keep the cut ends in water whenever possible.

The best way to get fresh greens for decorating is to take them from existing landscape plants, suggested Mary McLellan, master gardener coordinator at MUS. Most landscape evergreens can be pruned in December to yield materials for decorating.

Some greens stay fresh longer and hold their needles better than others indoors, she noted. Fresh pine is probably the longest-lived of the narrow-leaved evergreens, but pitch from cut stems can damage wood finishes and fabrics.

December is also not the best time to prune pines, so any branches cut should be chosen carefully to avoid damaging the tree's shape and ornamental value.

Hemlock and spruce drop their needles relatively quickly indoors, so they're better for door swags, wreaths and other outdoor decorations. Other evergreens -- fir, yew, cedar and juniper -- also tend to dry fairly quickly unless their stems are kept in water.

The same preservatives used in the water in the Christmas tree stand can help extend the life of cut greens, McLellan said. If you can't keep greens in water, figure on replacing them every few days.

Broadleaved evergreens, such as American holly and rhododendron, and branches from berry-bearing shrubs can add their beauty to outdoor decorations. Berries and foliage often drop quickly indoors.

Even greens in water will dry out indoors, Doss said. "You can extend their life by using them only in cool locations and keeping them away from hot air registers, radiators, direct sunlight and heat-generating appliances such as televisions."

To minimize the fire hazard, keep greens away from candles, wood-burning stoves, fireplaces and other sources of open flames. Also avoid combining greens with strings of Christmas tree

lights. A broken wire or a short could provide an igniting spark, he explained.

Applying antidesiccants -- materials that slow moisture loss from foliage -- may help prolong freshness, but they may also make the foliage sticky, McLellan noted.

Fire-retardant chemicals are not a replacement for common sense and proper precautions, Doss emphasized.

"Fire-retardant chemicals do not prevent materials from igniting -- they merely slow the spread of fire," he said. "Once greens reach a certain degree of dryness -- after about five days indoors without water -- fire-retardant materials have little or no effect."

"It's really best to replace greens as they begin to dry out," he advised. "The freshest greens pose the least fire hazard."

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year-round.

The library will be having a pre-school story hour. It will be every second Tuesday, starting Dec. 10, at 10:30 a.m.

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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

### One solitary life ...

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following thoughts were first gathered into a Christmas column and offered in *The Almanack* about 25 years ago; over the years, they have appeared several times during the Christmas season — and are still appropriate.)

HERE IS A young man, who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another small village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

"He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

"While He was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His coat.

"When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen centuries have come and

gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of the column of progress.

"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched ... and all the navies that ever sailed ... and all the parliaments that ever sat ... and all the kings that ever reigned, put together ... have not affected the life of man upon this earth, as has

"... That one solitary life."

OF COURSE, I didn't originate that article; I only repeat it from the original and unknown (to me) author.

But it seems to me that in a relatively few lines, the story of "One solitary Life" helps us add perspective to our activities, especially as we enjoy the Christmas season each year.

What we seek is happiness, each in his or her own form, and happiness comes in many guises.

As long as I'm quoting, let me endorse the formula for happiness set down many years ago by Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"A happy life is to laugh often and to love much ... to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children ... to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of friends ... to appreciate beauty ... to give one's self ... to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social

condition ... to have played and laughed with enthusiasm, and to have sung with exaltation ... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived ..."

YES, WE NEED a credo, a purpose, a plan to our living, and to our life. We need principles, truth, faith. We need prayer.

One of the most beautiful and touching prayers ever composed is the familiar Prayer of St. Francis:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace ... where there is hatred, let me sow love ... where there is injury, pardon ... where there is despair, hope ... where there is darkness, light ... and where there is sadness, joy.

"Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console ... to be understood as to understand ... to be loved as to love ...

"For it is in giving that we receive ... it is in pardoning that we are pardoned ... and in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Truly, words to live by.

TO ALL OF YOU, a blessed and joyous holiday season from The Almanack.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Instant Resume for Windows is now available for you to use at the Crawford County Library.

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## HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.

Question: My children always seem to enjoy sledding but often get minor injuries. Why is this?

Signed: Mother of Three

Answer: Actually, injuries from sledding are fairly common and range from minor bumps to more serious, if not fatal, accidents. Nearly 34,000 children fourteen and under were treated in emergency rooms in 1994, for injuries related to sledding. Before children begin this seemingly harmless sport, parents should remind them of these simple tips suggested by the National Safe Kids Campaign:

- Only sled on gently sloping terrain that is free from trees and snow-covered obstacles.
- Make sure the bottom of the hill is long and far from a street or traffic.
- Always use a sled with an easy steering mechanism that won't jam, secure handholds, energy absorbing seat pads, and one without sharp or jagged edges. Avoid makeshift or homemade sleds.
- Don't sled lying down. Sit up to avoid head injuries or abdominal injuries which can be serious or fatal.
- Never ride on a sled pulled by a motorized vehicle.
- Make sure the number of children on the sled doesn't exceed the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Teach children proper sledding etiquette. Make sure the "coast is clear" of other sledders, and no rough-housing.

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## FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

**Holiday Hours at Hanson Hills** — The hill will be open Dec. 26-Dec. 30, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Jan. 1, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Regular Hours Begin Jan. 2** — Thursdays and Fridays, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Open Gym** — Basketball sixth grade and up will be open during the holidays: Sundays, Dec. 22 and 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Mondays, Dec. 23 and 30, 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$2 per person.

**Rollerblade and Rollerskate Open Gym** — Will not be open during the holidays.

**Ski School Programs** — including junior ski team, downhill and snowboard. Saturdays 6-7:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 11. Hanson Hoppers — Pee wee ski classes for four- five- and six-year-olds, 11 a.m.-noon, Saturdays. Adult ski classes Thursday evenings, 6-7 p.m. Cross country ski lessons — call if interested; all classes meet for four or eight weeks.

**Fourth and Fifth Grade Free Ski Program** — Registration has been extended for free ski classes for fourth and fifth graders. Sign up at school and give information to a teacher. Program begins Jan. 8.

**Women's Volleyball** — Scores for Monday, Dec. 9: Kamp Oil-3, Just for Fun-0; Mercy Hospital-1, Carlisle Paddle-2. Results from Monday, Dec. 16: Kamp Oil over Carlisle, and Mercy Hospital beat Bloomquist.

**Coed Volleyball** — Began Thursday, Dec. 12, and will meet for six weeks (except holidays) on Thursdays at the Grayling High School Gym at 9 p.m. \$2 per person. Just stop in, we'll put you on a team.

**Cross Country Ski Club** — Ages eight and older. Begins Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 3:45-4:45 p.m. for six weeks. Ends Feb. 11.

**Ice Skating** — The rink has presented a challenge. In the excavation for the new ice rink, officials have run into remains from the Polyhedron building. If they can overcome the financial dilemma this has created, the rink should have ice for Christmas. Beth Calkins is offering a free ice skating clinic on Dec. 27 from noon-2 p.m. Persons may sign up for ice skating lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays and private lessons on Saturdays beginning Jan. 7.

**Ski Memberships** — Memberships are still available and are an excellent way to save money.

## YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

from Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative

### Drug addicts and alcoholics checks to stop next month

Under legislation that was effective on March 19, 1996, payment of benefits under Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs to persons whose disability is based on drug addiction or alcoholism will stop Jan. 1, 1997. In order to be eligible for benefits under the new law, an individual must have a disabling impairment other than drug addiction or alcoholism.

All beneficiaries who were receiving disability benefits when the law became effective were notified in June 1996 about the change in the law and informed that they must appeal the

decision to terminate their benefits within 60 days. Appeals that were filed by July 29 must be reviewed by Social Security by Jan. 1, 1997. If Social Security finds that drug addiction or alcoholism is the basis for the individual's disability, benefits will terminate Jan. 1, 1997. SSI beneficiaries who appealed within 10 days of the notice may choose to receive benefits until the review is complete.

For more information about the new law, individuals may call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and on weekends and holidays.

## JIM FITZGERALD

### Presents weren't important this year

Last Christmas morning, after all the literally dozens of great gifts for her four children had been unwrapped, my daughter collapsed in terrible pain and was rushed to the hospital.

The two oldest kids watched in terror as their father and I half-carried their mother to the car.

Scary Christmas.

Only a few minutes later, in the emergency room — to show you how screwy a columnist's mind works — I told myself I'd sort of discovered the moral to the story of the waffles and strawberries.

#### Waffles and strawberries

There are mornings in my life when there's no resisting the urge to speed to the nearest Big Boy restaurant for crisp waffles covered with fresh strawberries and whipped cream. One of those mornings occurred a few days before Christmas.

And the waitress said they were out of strawberries.

How about applesauce, or just plain maple syrup? No, dammit, I had my taste buds set on strawberries.

But I didn't curse out loud. As learned long ago from my mother, I quickly reminded myself of all the starving children in wherever. I swallowed my grief and constructed an entirely different breakfast.

Eggs up, nice and runny, on crisp white toast. Crisp bacon. Crisp English muffin with strawberry jam. I love crisp. And a large glass of milk.

The waitress wrote it down and

departed. Only to return in a quick minute.

Fresh strawberries had just arrived on a truck, she said. I could have my original order.

Wonderful ... except ... wait ...

Now my taste buds were set on runny eggs and all that crisp toast and bacon. Forget the strawberries and waffles that lured me from home in the first place. I stuck with the second order. The waitress looked bemused.

And, as I fed my fat face, I thought: "There's probably a moral here somewhere. When I get time, I'll look for it.

#### The moral of the story

Back to the emergency room Christmas morning. For most of her thirtysomething years, I've called my youngest daughter Ferd, simply because it rhymes with her brother, Nerd. Her real name is Christie and, in my very biased opinion, she is the world's greatest mother. She certainly didn't deserve to be separated from Emily, Tricia, Adam and Elaine on Christmas Day, and vice versa.

I couldn't rid my mind of the frightened looks on Emily and Tricia's faces when their mom slumped to the floor, moaning. I dreaded returning home to tell them whatever the doctor said, probably that they wouldn't be seeing their mother for a few days, at best.

More than I've ever wanted anything in the world, I wanted the clock to tick backward, and for Ferd to never have



gone to the hospital.

But then her husband wheeled her through a door, and she was smiling. A kidney stone had blessedly passed. She was much better for now and could return home immediately, less than an hour after we left.

More than anything I've ever enjoyed in the world; I enjoyed watching the surprised delight on her children's faces when she came through the door. They couldn't believe Mom was back so soon. They couldn't hug her enough.

Talk about the greatest Christmas present ever received. Ferd gave it to the members of her family that Christmas, right after giving them their biggest scare.

The moral is that you think waffles, strawberries, and whipped cream are the best until you think of something better.

Dozens of great presents are nice, but Ferd's children could think of something much better — Mom coming home from the hospital on Christmas.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### It's not how many drinks it takes — it's how few

To the editor,

As Michigan's motorists take to the roads this holiday season, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) wants to caution drivers that this is one of the more dangerous times of the year.

The holidays continue to be marred by needless, preventable alcohol-involved traffic crash fatalities and injuries. In 1995 in Michigan, both Thanksgiving (6 of 12 traffic crash fatalities involved alcohol, 50 percent) and New Year's (6 of 14 traffic crash fatalities involved alcohol, 42.9 percent) had drunk driving traffic crash fatality rates higher than the rest of the year (of the total 1,537 traffic crash fatalities, 566 involved alcohol, 36.8 percent). Only Christmas showed a drop in alcohol-involved traffic deaths (5 of 16 traffic crash fatalities involved alcohol, 31.2 percent).

We can never erase the death and destruction caused by drunk driving, but MADD is working to prevent alcohol-related traffic crashes with our red ribbon "Tie One On For Safety" campaign. Thousands of Michigan Motorists have responded and participate in what is now MADD's largest traffic safety promotion.

We are asking motorists to pledge their support for sober driving by tying a red ribbon to a visible location on their vehicles. The ribbons serve as a reminder to all to be alcohol-free when they get behind the wheel.

As part of the 11th red ribbon holiday campaign (Nov. 25, 1996-Jan. 1, 1997), MADD suggests ways to prevent and reduce the number of drunk driving crashes.

- When hosting a private or office party, if you choose to serve alcoholic beverages, follow this advice from MADD:
  - Serve high-protein food if alcohol is being served, and offer non-alcoholic beverages;
  - Encourage guests to designate a driver (someone who remains alcohol-free and gives rides home to others) or offer alternative transportation;
  - Never serve alcohol to those under the age of 21;
  - Don't let guests mix their own drinks; and
  - "Close the bar" 90 minutes before the party ends.
- If you see a suspected drunk driver, use your car phone to call 9-1-1 and report this dangerous motorist;
- Give a special gift during this season of well-wishes. Tell someone you care about, who drinks, that he or she can call you for a ride home if ever needed. Anywhere. Anytime.
- Let's get back on track this holiday season and make sure alcohol and driving are left out of the party mix.

Remember, it's not how many drinks it takes to impair a person's driving — it's how few.

Don Valone  
Chairperson MADD, Michigan

# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## Blood drive to be held

The American Red Cross will be holding a Grayling area blood drive on Monday, Jan. 6, from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the American Legion hall.

## Fresh citrus is available each month

Fresh citrus fruit is available monthly this winter from Grayling SDA School at Camp AuSable. January's selection includes navel oranges, grapefruits and tangelos. To order call 348-5570 or 348-6760 by January 9. Fruit will arrive Jan. 20. All proceeds benefit the Christian School.

## Girls coaches named at GHS

Two girls varsity coaching positions were recently filled at Grayling High School. Jim Scott will be the new varsity soccer coach and Michael Neff will be the new varsity track coach.

## Lions drawing has another winner

The No. 4 winner of the Lions Lucky 13 drawing was Pauline Hatfield of Grayling. She won \$100.

## Substance Abuse Services to meet

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Board of Directors will be held on Monday, Jan. 6, beginning at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Baraga Meeting Room of the Offices of Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc., in Gaylord.

## Snowmobile trails to be patrolled

The Roscommon Department of Natural Resources announced that a snowmobile patrol will be on trails in Crawford County on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The patrol will be in force to help target speed and alcohol usage. The patrol will be highly visible from noon to 4 a.m. each day.

## Spirit Club to raise funds with cans

The Grayling High School spirit club will hold a can drive on Jan. 4. Those wishing to participate should meet at Grayling Middle School at 11 a.m.

## Secretary Miller says innovations in the works

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller said Dec. 19 that halfway through her four-year term, plans to use technology to improve customer service, while at the same time remaining fiscally conservative and working with existing resources, are on schedule.

Cutting a number of programs from Renewal by Fax to Touch-Tone Telephone Renewal for Watercraft Registrations, Miller said the department is being proactive in making customer service its number one priority.

"Technology holds the key to improving customer service," Miller said. "It offers the potential for customers to do business with the department in ways other than branch office setting."

"While we have seen some examples of technology's impact in the past two years, there are many more examples to come," Miller added.

Michigan's chief motor vehicle administrator cited the following achievements during the past two years:

- Tabs by Fax, allowing motorists to renew license plates by fax machine, which reduces the turn-around time by as many as four days.

- Touch-Tone telephone renewal of watercraft registrations, a system that won 99 percent approval rating from those who were surveyed on its use.

- Fax/Copier machines in branch offices, to assist customers in completing transactions when they are in need of documents such as proof of insurance.

## Schools reenter lawsuit

At Monday night's Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education meeting the board authorized the school district to enter back into a lawsuit.

The resolution passed by the board authorizes the law firm of Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg, P.C. to file a claim with the local Government Claims Review Board requesting disbursement to the district of all monies due to the district because of underfunding.

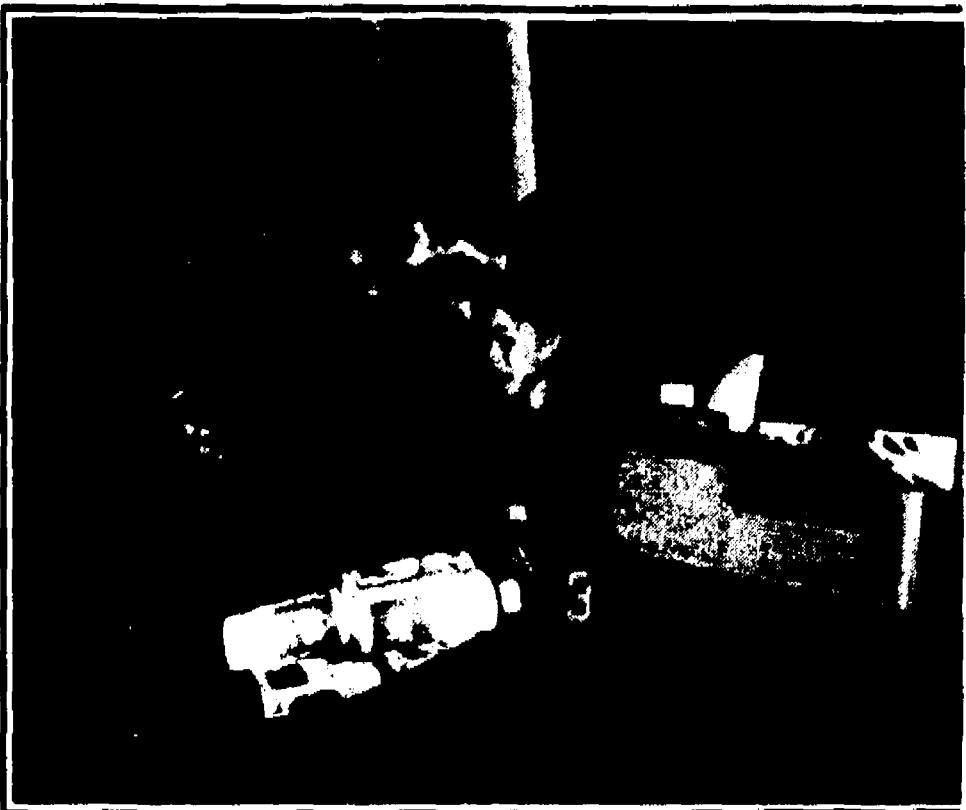
The underfunding was by the State of Michigan for mandated programs and services. This was a direct violation of the Headlee Amendment of the State Constitution.

According to Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Kent Reynolds, the Supreme Court agreed to rehear the case, but it will be approximately two years before anything results from the case.

The district will pay \$175 this year for the legal action.



**SPIRIT OF GIVING** — The members of the student council were excited with the results of the food drive.



**STUDENTS DONATE** — The middle school students had a food drive for the Help Center. The students holding boxes are, from left, Steve Gildner, Eric Hunter and Eric Hart.

## Students join true season spirit

Students at Grayling Middle School had a food drive for the Crawford County Help Center on three days, Dec. 16 through Dec. 18, and collected more than 900 food items.

G.M.S. Student Council sponsored the drive and the homeroom with the highest percentage of food items collected per student won a pizza party.

Student council members were very pleased with the outcome of their community service project.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period Dec. 26 through Dec. 31.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road 197 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will begin on Dec. 26 thru Dec. 28, and also Dec. 30.

For further information, call (517) 348-4708 or 1-800-628-5820.

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Submit your public  
events to the Crawford  
County Avalanche  
**348-6811**  
Deadline: Thursday noon

### DECEMBER 1996

Happy  
New Year!

THURS. 26	•TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) meeting @ Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call 275-9918 for more information. •AMICARE HOME HEALTHCARE Community Bereavement support group meeting @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3-5 pm. •MINIMAL FEE Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar screenings taken @ Commission on Aging, 11 am to 12 noon. •SOUL SURVIVORS suicide survivors support group @ Mercy Hospital Gallery room, 6:30 pm. Call 348-1169 or 348-2236 for more information. •PARENTING WITH A PURPOSE meetings @ New Life Community Services, 9-10:30 am.
FRI. 27	•ENJOY A WINTER WALK through Hartwick Pines State Park.
SAT. 28	•PROMISE KEEPERS BREAKFAST Location to be announced.
SUN. 29	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON. 30	•SURVIVORS OF INCEST & Sexual Abuse meeting @ New Life Community Services, 7-8:30 pm. Call 348-2544 for more information.
TUES. 31	•NEW YEARS EVE Drive safely! •GRAYLING CITY OFFICES CLOSED for the New Years holiday. •SENIOR CENTER closed for New Years.

### JANUARY 1997

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Would like to thank the community  
for making our Community Service Drive a success.  
The holidays will be brighter for  
Kenquest House of Grayling, because of you!

*Happy Holidays from all of us at N.C.A.C.U.*

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SHOWS AT 7:30 SUN - THUR Children under 12 - \$2.75

**Admission**  
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Children under 12 - \$2.75

**THIS WEEK'S FEATURE**  
Fri., Dec. 20 - Thurs., Dec. 26  
Closed Christmas Eve

**"DISNEY MAGIC HAS DONE IT AGAIN!!"**  
-New York Times, AMERICAN TV AND RADIO NETWORKS

**"A CLASSIC MASTERPIECE!"**  
-Herald Tribune, TELENOTICIAS (Miami)

**"BRILLIANT!"**  
-Paul Hunter, WFLA (Tampa)

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# Merry Christmas

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**Merry Christmas!**  
**& Many Thanks!**

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 We're really grateful for your trust in us.

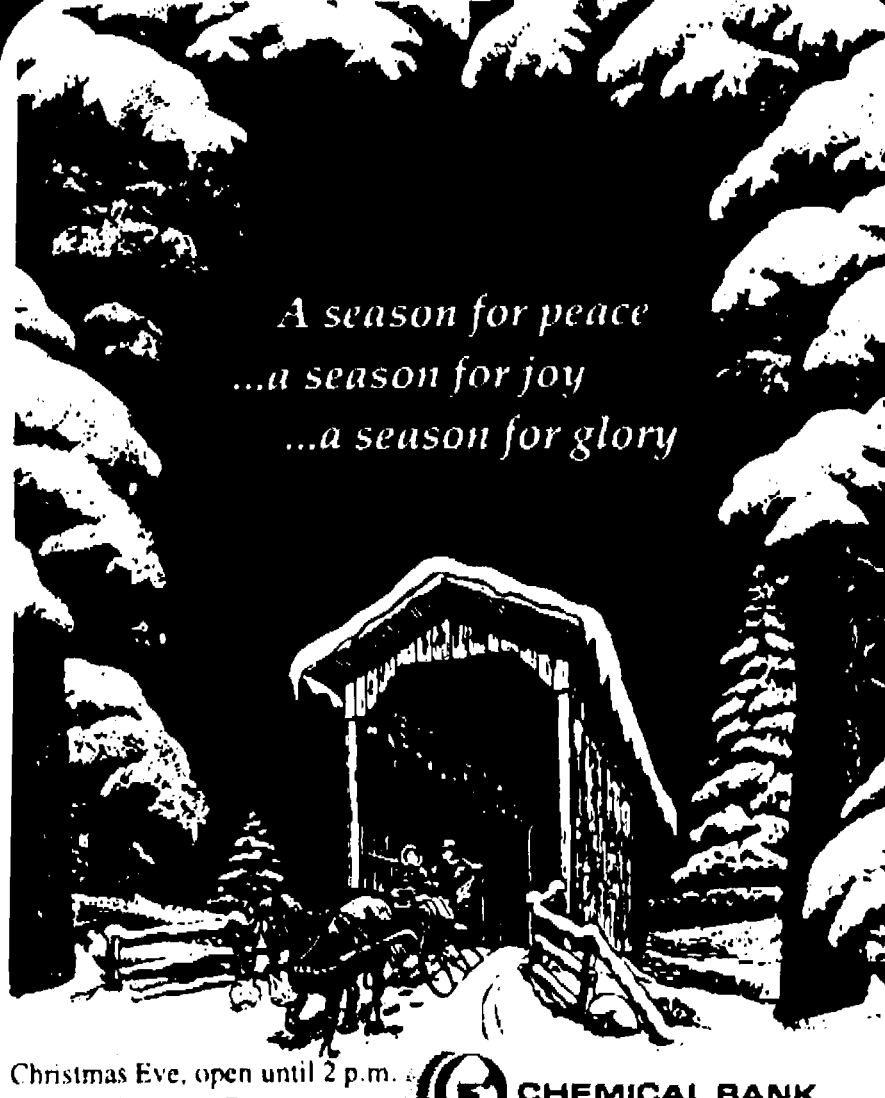
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*Thank you very much  
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 during the year.  
 Sincerely,  
 Sharon R. Rasmussen*

**ALL THE BEST!**

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**Christmas Greetings**

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**Greetings of the Season**

Here's hoping you enjoy the jolliest of times all through the holidays. Thanks for stopping by!

**JJ's Motor Mall**



**Season's Greetings**


It is a pleasure to extend the season's best to those whose friendship and good will we so deeply appreciate.

**Merry Christmas!**  
**Dr. Barry Fenn D.D.S. and Staff**



**Yuletide Greetings**


From all of us to all of you, go our Best wishes and heartfelt thanks this holiday season. It's always a pleasure to serve you!



**Glen's Store Associates & Glen's of Graying Wish You & Yours Happy Holidays!**

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Back Row L-R: Tamara Fisher & Dr. Kerle  
 Front Row L-R: Misty Handrich & Danita Zsembik

**Arthur P. Kerle, DDS**

Office will be closed until Dec. 30 at 8 am

# The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

## Troubled by Christmas?

Joseph was troubled and considered divorcing Mary before he learned that her pregnancy was a miracle of the Holy Ghost. (Matthew 1:18-20) Mary was troubled when the angel Gabriel appeared to her to tell her about her pregnancy. (Luke 1:29) Mary faced trouble after the long ride on a donkey, and finding no facilities available for her, she was forced to give birth to the Son of God in an animal shelter. (Luke 2:7) When King Herod heard about the birth of Jesus Christ as king of the Jews, "... he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him." (Matthew 2:3) The political leaders were troubled, by Him and gathered together against Him. (Acts 4:26-27) The religious chief priests, scribes, and elders of the people were later troubled enough to plan His death. (Matthew 26:3-4) Even in His

presence, His friend Martha was "... troubled about many things." (Luke 10:41) Even His disciples were at times troubled. (Mark 6:50 & Luke 24:38) Are you troubled by Christ and Christmas? Some people are troubled feeling forced to spend so much on presents. Some are troubled feeling forced into unwanted celebrations. Some are troubled by all the hustle and bustle of crowded stores and streets. Some like "Scrooge" would feel satisfied if there were no Christmas celebration. But the same people would only gripe about something else. As Job said, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble." (Job 14:1) So it is only natural that people blame others including Christians for their troubles. (Acts 16:20) But Jesus Christ did not come to

make us troubled. "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14:1) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) Christ came to give us peace, not trouble. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27) "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalms 46:1) Turn all your troubles over to Christ! He cares for you!

Pastor "B"

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## Caution urged during holiday travel time

Winter has arrived in Michigan, and that's good news for the tourism industry.

The upcoming Christmas-New Years holidays are expected to round off an outstanding year for the travel industry, as Michigianians book early for winter getaways, according to AAA Michigan.

"It's that time of year when flights are heavily booked for warm-weather destinations, as well as visits to family and friends," said Bill Best, director of Travel for AAA Michigan. "Colder Michigan temperatures may have boosted sales in some areas."

Michigan residents' top five winter destinations by air are Orlando, Tampa, Phoenix, Fort Myers, and Fort Lauderdale. Air fares to Orlando range from \$300 to \$1,000, depending on

availability, advance purchase and restrictions.

AAA Michigan advises those flying to arrive at the airport at least 90 minutes before flight time, keep luggage to a minimum and avoid carrying wrapped presents because they may be opened by security staff. Keep wallets, car keys and medicine handy in a carry-on bag or purse.

For Michigianians traveling by car, Florida is the most popular destination, followed by the Traverse City area, "up north" and Tennessee. Michigan resorts and other businesses anticipate a state winter tourism season worth \$2 billion.

Nationally, AAA reports an estimated 38.5 million people will travel 100 miles or more from home via highways and skyways during the 1996 Christmas-New Year's holiday, equaling 1995's record-setting performance. AAA estimates 31.6 million will travel this season by automobile truck or recreational vehicle.

After experiencing a tragic 1996 Thanksgiving holiday, during which 23 lives were lost in 18 crashes in Michigan, AAA Michigan urges motorists to not drink and drive, buckle up and select a safe speed and following

season. This year's 30-hour Christmas holiday began at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, and runs to midnight Wednesday, Dec. 25. Last year, 16 persons were killed in 15 crashes on Michigan roads, compared to 23 deaths in 17 crashes in 1994.

The 1994 and 1995 Christmas holidays were each 78 hours long. Five of last year's crashes involved alcohol and six of the 12 vehicle occupants were not buckled up.

Michigan motorists will pay more for a gallon of regular self-serve unleaded gas this holiday. As of Dec. 9, the average statewide per gallon price was \$1.308, up 22.9 cents from last year.



PEACE JOY HOPE LOVE

## Church Directory

### Have You Complimented Your Child Today?

A child needs at least one good solid compliment per day. If an apple a day keeps the doctor away, a compliment a day will give self-esteem to your child.

Self-esteem is crucial for a person. How does a child build it? Does he come by it himself? Not really. The beginning of self-esteem happens when parents constantly and consistently COMPLEMENT the child.

Children need to hear "They you did a great job. A pat on the back, a well done." "I appreciate you." "I'm proud of you." are beautiful words to the ears and ego of the child, whether the child is 5 or 50.

Some sons and daughters, now grown, have never heard their parents praise them to their faces. Oh, they hear from others how proud Mom or Pop is of them, but they may hurt, hoping to hear it with their own ears. And some parents go to their graves, proud as peaches of their children, but they never said it.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in baskets of silver" (Proverbs 25:11).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Peter	1 Peter	1 Peter	1 Peter	1 Peter	1 Peter	1 Peter
1:1-12	1:13-25	2:1-10	2:18-25	3:9-22	4:1-19	5:1-14

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**First Baptist Church Of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
April through October  
2nd Wednesday ..... 8 p.m.

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor J. Douglas Peterson  
400 Michigan Ave.  
348-2974  
Sunday School ..... 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship ..... 12 noon  
Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 10 a.m.

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor David Stramel  
Phone 348-4445  
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).  
Church Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sabbath School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting Tues ..... 7 p.m.

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voolker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-6885-Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children ..... 7 p.m.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President Larry A. Cook  
600 North Elm St., Gaylord  
Sacrament ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 11 a.m.  
Primary ..... 11 a.m.  
Priesthood ..... 12 noon  
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7 p.m.

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)**  
Pastor Sherry McGuffin  
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224  
Bible School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery is available

**Reorganized Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints**  
Pastor Wayne Horton  
Corner of North Down River Rd. and South Millikin Rd.  
Church School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Preaching ..... 11 a.m.  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 p.m.

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
Rev. V. Schaap  
415 Ohio North  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church**  
Robert W. Nalley, J.C.L., Pastor  
Lee Ann Duncley, Pastoral Associate  
702 Peninsula - 348-7657  
Sabbath Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil ..... 5 p.m. (Oct-April)  
..... 7 p.m. (May-Sept.)  
Sunday Mass ..... 8 & 11 a.m. (Year-round)  
..... 9:15 a.m. (July-Aug.)  
Sunday Family Bible Study/Sharing ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Daily Masses .....  
..... 9:30 a.m. Wednesday & Friday  
Daily Worship  
Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour prior to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by appt.

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Mid-Week Services  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) ... 7 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
Gordon French Minister  
Old US 27 at Skyline Rd.  
275-8613  
Sunday Classes & Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Mid-week Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School ..... 9 a.m.  
Sunday Service ..... 10 a.m.

**The Church of Christ with the Eliza Message**  
Pastor John E. Weaver  
7662 Kelly Ave. - Frederic  
Sunday Worship ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 7 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7 p.m.

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St.  
Grayling, Mich.  
Sunday Morning ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening ..... 7 p.m.

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with S.B.C.  
Pastor Terry Colby  
Meeting at 501 Michigan Avenue (S17) 348-2557  
Sunday Bible Study ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Services ..... 7 p.m.

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Coates  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska (616) 258-3448  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Family Training Hour and Prayer, Wednesday ..... 7 p.m.

**Lovells Chapel**  
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Courtney  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Chapel Service ..... 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7-8 p.m.

**Free Methodist**  
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor  
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd.  
(M-72 West) Phone 348-5362  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Service ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 p.m.

**Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran - Missouri Synod**  
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor  
905 North I-75 Business Loop  
348-5921 or 348-6504  
Sunday School ..... 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Weekday School ..... 5 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 9 a.m.  
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.  
Thursday Men's Promise  
Keepers Study ..... 7 p.m.

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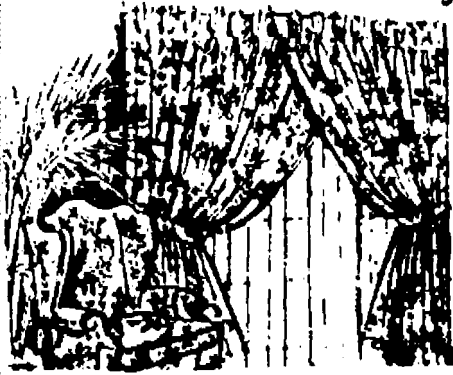
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## Beaver Creek plant receives environmental award

Georgia-Pacific Corp.'s Beaver Creek facility near Grayling, is one of six Georgia-Pacific chemical plants that have been recognized in the 1995-1996 Chemical Division Vice President's Environmental Achievement Awards.

The recipients earned the awards based on a point system in a variety of categories focusing on each plant's efforts in the areas of environmental performance as well as community involvement.

"The program is designed to promote and encourage environmental compliance and awareness," said Jim Taylor, vice president of the Chemical Division. "By strengthening our environmental programs, our plants demonstrate to their communities that we take our commitment to environmental stewardship seriously."

Based on total points earned, the top chemical plants are: Columbus, Ohio; Beaver Creek Township; Ukiah, Calif.; Healing Springs, N.C.; and Russellville, S.C.

The Beaver Creek plant came in second in the awards program. Beaver Creek excelled in environmental documentation.

Additionally, it was the lowest plant in the Chemical Division in terms of emissions releases in relation to its annual production; for every one million pounds of product manufactured, the plant released only six pounds of chemicals that require reporting annually on the federal Toxic Release Inventory report.

The plant opened in 1986 and has 35

employees. It produces formaldehyde and resins that are used in the manufacture of plywood, oriented strand board, particleboard, doors, siding, glass mat, napkins, facial tissue, paper towels, filter papers, diaper liners, shoe insoles, wallpaper, making tape and cardboard boxes.

According to Rodney Canada, environmental services manager for the Chemical Division, the awards program's point system is based on plant activities that support compliance goals and corporate or divisional goals, such as the Chemical Manufacturers Association's Responsible Care program. Examples include permit and regulatory compliance, spill response, employee training, environmental documentation, local emergency planning groups, recycling activities and community outreach efforts.

This program represents the second year that the Chemical Division has recognized its plants for environmental accomplishments. Plants were able to obtain points in 22 categories that included activities such as emissions reductions, environmental awareness training, spill prevention improvements, being involved in local community environmental activities, recycling and self auditing.

The 22 categories were designed to recognize plants that excel in environmental compliance and in supporting corporate and division environmental goals. Additionally, one plant was awarded a special achievement award for a specific accomplishment.



**WINTER SURFING** — Hanson Hills has added some new snowboards for the upcoming season. Pictured with the boards are (from left) Joyce Ross, rental shop employee; Jessica McClain, ski school director; and Jacquelyn Kuszak.

## Snowboarding to grow at Hanson Hills

Twelve brand new Hooger snowboards were delivered to add to Hanson Hills' fleet of rental boards. The snowboard and skiing season at Hanson Hills is planned to open this weekend.

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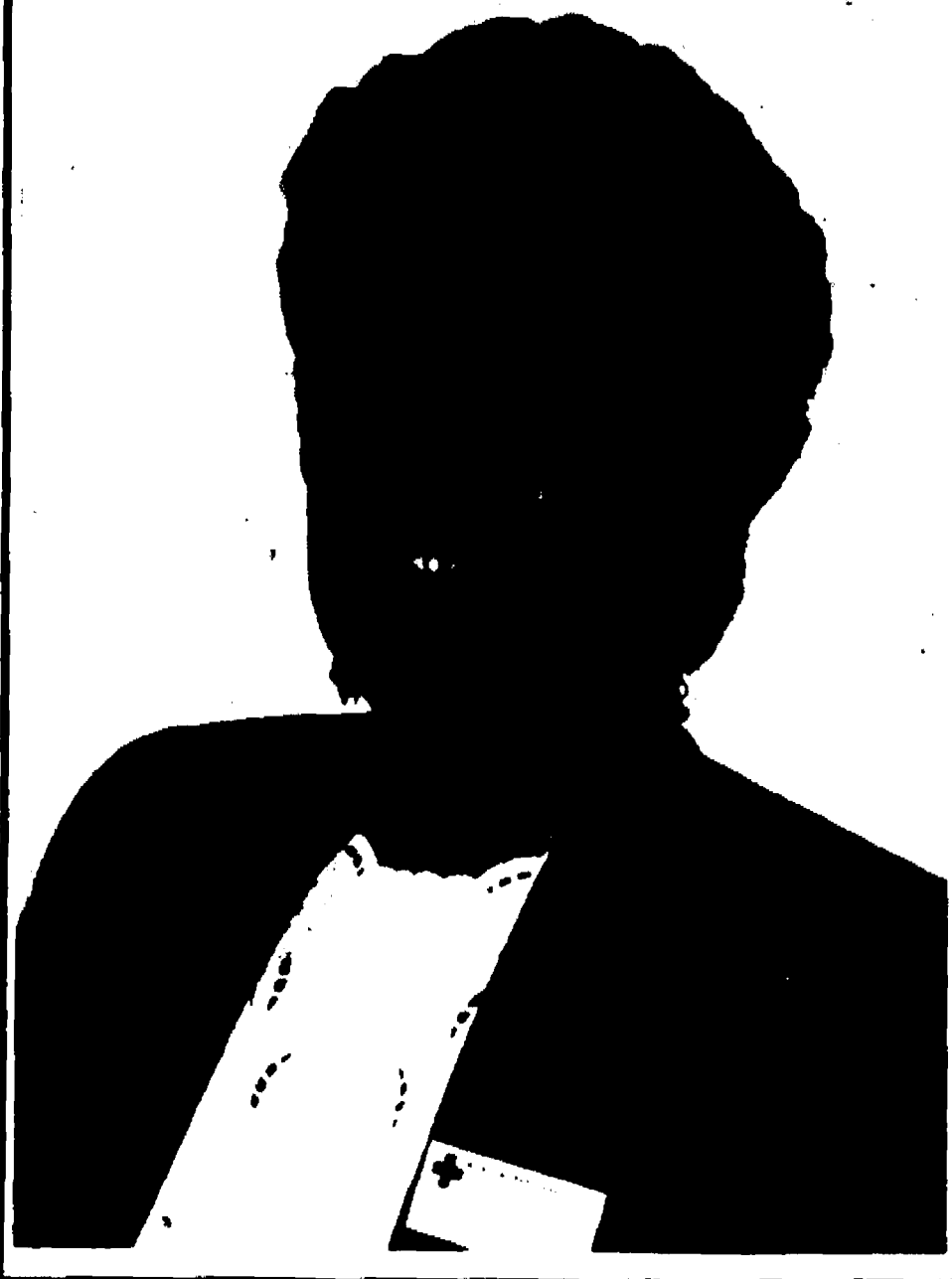
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**RED CROSS LEADER** — Pattie Simpson was named the first director of the Red Cross' new multi-county group, which includes Crawford County.

## New executive director hired for new Red Cross hub

Pattie Simpson has joined the American Red Cross in Michigan as the first director of a multi-county area called the American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan.

Based in Alpena, Simpson directs a 12-county area with the assistance of volunteer staff in the northern Lower Michigan counties. The counties of northern Lower Michigan include Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon.

Simpson previously worked part-

time as the executive director of the Alpena County Chapter of the American Red Cross. As director, she took the chapter from two volunteers to more than 50 in their Disaster Action Team.

She also has enhanced disaster responses by implementing a communications network using the local 911 dispatching system. The county responded to 37 fires in 1996.

The county, under Simpson's direction, also supported national disaster relief efforts, lead northern Michigan in blood donations and

handled more than 100 emergency communications requests between military personnel and their families in 1996.

The American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement. It provides relief to victims of disaster and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

## Grayling native creates astronomy program

Waid Baker, a native of Grayling, created an IBM-compatible computer program that provides precise positions of the Sun, Moon and the planets from the Earth's perspective.

The program, called AstroVizier, is published through Zephyr Services, one of the leading astronomy software publishers.

Baker, the son of Joanne and the late James Baker, earned an Associate in Science degree from Kirtland Community College and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Central Michigan University.

Baker, a chemistry and physics major, has been an amateur astronomer since high school.

"I've taught high school physics and physical science and I've taught math, business math and other subjects at Kirtland," Baker said.

Although Baker has created four computer programs and sold parts of other programs to other software developers, AstroVizier is "the first commercial success," Baker said.

"I started developing programs because the planetary observation information that I needed was not available because it involves complicated formulas. The computer can figure out those formulas very quickly," Baker said.

"I wrote the entire program. Includ-

ing research it took me roughly one to one and a half years to get the program into its final form," Baker said.

Although Baker has no formal training in computer science, "I took one computer science class, but I learned a lot of the computer language while doing other scientific work," Baker said.

According to Zephyr Services, AstroVizier is utilized by both amateur and professional astronomers. In fact, NASA recently used AstroVizier to make preliminary calculations for observations involving the planet Jupiter.

Institutions, such as Stuttgart Planetarium in Germany, Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles and the Lunar and Planetary Institute are all using AstroVizier.

Baker is currently creating a program that works in solar system astronomy. "The program will make calculations more accurate," Baker said.

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## Roscommon suspects caught following Crawford B&Es

Three Roscommon teens and a Fraser man were arrested by Roscommon County Sheriff's Deputies Sunday, Dec. 15 for allegedly breaking and entering into four Crawford County residences and attempting to enter another.

According to Crawford County Sheriff's officials, a 17-year-old female and two 18-year-old males from Roscommon, and a 23-year-old male from Fraser are accused of breaking

into four South Branch Township residences.

Two juveniles also are being investigated as being involved in the case.

Four of the residences involved in the breaking and entering spree are located in the 7900 block of South Stephan Bridge Road. The other residence involved is located near the intersection of Hickey Creek Road and Forester Road.

According to Crawford County Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield, the suspects were apprehended by Roscommon Sheriff's deputies in Roscommon. The suspects were attempting to steal a car in Roscommon.

Roscommon deputies questioned the suspects and learned of the suspects connection with the breaking and enterings in Crawford County.

Wakefield also said the suspects were using a stolen vehicle out of Roscommon during the breaking and entering spree.

According to the sheriff's office report, the suspects gained entry into the South Branch Township residences mainly by prying open windows or kicking in doors. The homes were not occupied at the time of the incidents.

Names of the suspects were not released at this time, pending court action.



**OUR CHAMPIONS** — These youngsters competed in the recent Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee in Gaylord. Pictured, from left, are Janelle Gregorich, Charley McNamara, Lexi Bondar and John McNamara.



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There is no fee for the class which is taught by Dave Niederer, a licensed

amateur radio operator from the Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills. Course material will be from the American Radio Relay League book "Now You're Talking." It is recommended that students purchase this book. The course will prepare operators to take the novice and technician exams consisting of a total of 55 written questions dealing with radio theory and FCC regulations.

Amateur radio operators worldwide must be licensed by their respective

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Listen to amateur radio operators in the Grayling area on 145.13 Mhz on a scanner or VHF receiver.

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**MARATHON WALKERS** -- Students at the AuSable Primary School took part in a volunteer walking program this fall. The top four finishers with the highest mileage are second graders (front, from left) Abby Hiltonene (second place, 25 miles) Jonathan Kane (second place, 25 miles), A.J. Brackenbury (first place, 35 miles) and Hank Abney (second place, 25 miles). The top class was Jennifer Williams' first grade class. They finished with 390 miles. The class is (second row, l-r) Cristen Apps, Cody Frankowski, Anna Callahan, Lizzy Troop, Katti Messerschmidt, Deven Smith, Megan Miljore, Robert Schlaff, Jordan Wakeley, Jacob Reynolds. The third row (l-r) is Alexander Millar, Amber Colen, Monique Kent, Ryan Vogel, Joshua Helsel, Megan Lepsey and April Foote. The back row (l-r) is Donald Ewald, Jason Wilson, Ashley Brown, Jeffery Todd, Robert Stocker and Jennifer Williams. The second place class was Suzanne Williams' second grade class who finished with 290 miles. Pam Williams' first grade class finished in third place with 185 miles. The program was put on by physical education teacher Keith Seybert. The school finished with a total of 1,850 walked miles.



**COMMISSIONER HONORED** — Commissioner Robert McLachlan received an award from Crawford County for his eight years as a county commissioner. McLachlan received the award from Board Chairman Bruce Bretzke (dressed as Santa).

## McLachlan honored at last board meeting

A long-time Crawford County Commissioner took part in his last county board of commissioners meeting Wednesday, Dec. 18. Robert McLachlan, District 4 county commissioner, received recognition from his fellow commissioners during the meeting. McLachlan, who has served as a commissioner for eight years, was defeated in the August Primary Election by fellow Republican Lynnette Corlew. During his years on the board, McLachlan served as chairman from 1990 to 1991 and as vice-chairman from 1993 to 1994. At the end of the Dec. 18 board meeting, McLachlan reflected on his eight years of service. McLachlan recognized the board

members, county employees and county residents he has worked with over the years. He also talked about the biggest highlight during his tenure. "As I look back, probably the biggest highlight was the fire," McLachlan said. The Crawford County huge fire occurred in 1990. The two major locations of the fire were Stephan Bridge Road and Billman Road. The two blazes burning simultaneously destroyed hundreds of acres and several homes. It was a sorry occasion in one aspect, but also a high point for the county, McLachlan said. The way the county residents came together to help one another out during that time was great, McLachlan said.

## Legion to host a January blood drive

There will be a Crawford County Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, Jan. 6, noon to 5:45 p.m. at the American Legion in Grayling. Note the change of date. This time of year after the holidays there is a large need for blood, especially Type "O". There are many accidents, etc. and less donations at this busy time.

Anyone may donate if they weigh 110 pounds and are seventeen years of age. There are no restrictions on seniors who are feeling well. Gallon donor names are still not available. Anyone who received gallon pins at the September and November blood drives should notify the American Red Cross at the Jan. 6 drive.

## A Season For Family

In the rush to shop, bake, buy and wrap, remember the true meaning of the season is Christ's birth. This Christmas, model your family after the love and respect of the holiest of families.



### Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve: 5 pm Children's Service  
Candle Light Services 6:30 pm, 8 pm & 11 pm and Communion  
Sunday, Dec. 29th Service at 10 am  
Starting in January, new winter hours 9:30 am service and 11 am service for the winter only.

### St. Francis Episcopal Church

Christmas Eve: 8 pm

### Grayling Assembly of God

New Year's Eve: Watch Night Service 9 pm

### St. John Evangelical

Christmas Eve: 7 pm

## Mental health group appoints executive director

The Board of Directors of the North Central Community Mental Health Services Program announced the appointment of Gregory Paffhouse as its executive director.

North Central serves Crawford, Missaukee, Roscommon and Wexford counties.

Paffhouse, who holds a BS degree from Central Michigan University and an MSW from the University of Michigan, has been with North Central since 1976, most recently serving as its Client Services director.

Susan Vick, board chair, stated, "After a national search for an Executive Director, we came to recognize that we had the best person to lead North Central into the new challenges it faces right here. We believe that Greg's long standing dedication to North Central, his

commitment to its principles and values and his familiarity with the significant changes in our environment place him in a unique position to provide leadership and direction to the agency. The board is excited about the opportunity to work in partnership with Greg to meet the needs of the citizens of our four counties in the context of the dramatic changes occurring in the financing and delivery of mental health services."

Greg is the father of four children and he and his wife Karlene live in McBain. He assumed his new duties on Dec. 16.

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Heart failure does not mean that the heart has stopped or is going to stop—it means that it does not pump efficiently. Untreated heart failure gets worse and can cause death. Be sure to see your doctor if you have any of the following symptoms:

- Fatigue, shortness of breath, and rapid heartbeat with minor exertion.
- Swollen feet, ankles and lower legs.
- The need to sleep "high" or you can't breathe.

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- Hardening of the arteries.
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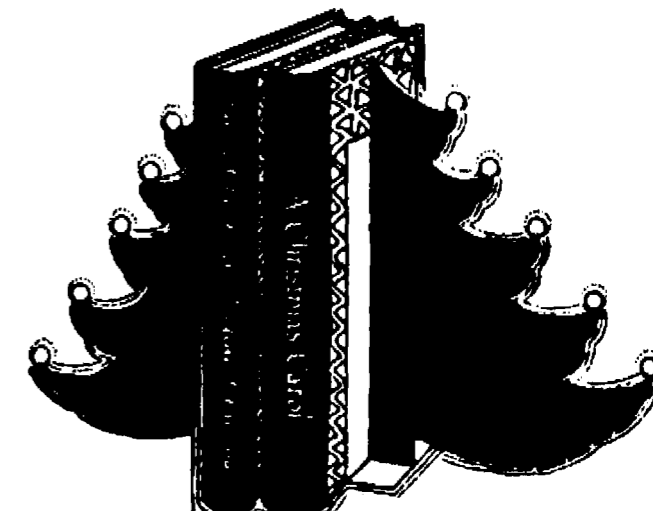
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The employees at North Central Area Credit Union (NCACU) in Grayling were hoping to brighten the holidays for the residents of Kenquest House, and they did just that! Kenquest is a residential treatment home for teen mothers and their children.

The staff at NCACU went to the community seeking donations of baby and teen items for the residents at Kenquest House. The response was far greater than the staff ever hoped for. "I was totally overwhelmed with the community support shown to this project. All of us at NCACU are extremely excited and can't wait to do this again next year," said Mary Koliba, marketing director of NCACU. "We would like to thank the community for their support and generous donation of items."

Some of the items collected included a cradle, high chair, hamper, 2 full-size cribs, 2 car seats, stroller, walker, playpen, changing table, clothes and many, many toys.

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## OBITUARIES

### John Patnode

John C. Patnode, 57, of Roscommon, died Dec. 21, 1996 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Mr. Patnode was born in Houghton Lake on June 29, 1939, to Elgin and Pearl Towne Patnode. He spent all his life in the Houghton Lake Area and was married there on March 25, 1960, to Dorothy McNeill.

He was employed as an equipment operator for Jack Millikin, Inc. of Grayling. He served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Patnode is survived by his wife, Dorothy Patnode of Roscommon; his mother, Pearl McNeill of Houghton Lake; two sons, John and wife Barbara Patnode of Roscommon; Charles Patnode of Roscommon; two daughters, Cheri and husband Al Delago of Texas, Cindy and husband Roger Weatherly of Roscommon; three brothers, Elgin and wife Dorothy Patnode of Jackson, R. J. Patnode of Grand Rapids, Lloyd and wife Ruth Patnode of Oklahoma; and two sisters, Dora Jean and husband Floyd Ancel of Houghton Lake, Dortha Ruth and husband Arthur Wainwright of St. Johns.

Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 11 a.m. at Christler Funeral Home in Houghton Lake. Pastor Dan Swab will officiate. Burial will be in Lake Township Cemetery in Houghton Lake.

The family requests any memorials be sent to American Cancer Society.

### Ben Beckman

Ben C. Beckman, 87, of Houghton Lake, died Friday, Dec. 20, 1996, at Ormond Beach, Florida. He was born in Sweden on June 16, 1909, to John and Amanda Beckman. Both parents are deceased.

Mr. Beckman previously resided in Detroit, where he owned and operated a plumbing and heating company. He was a member of the Sportsman Resort in Houghton Lake, and he retired from Kirtland Community College where he worked as a maintenance person.

He is survived by his wife Vickie Beckman, daughter Beverly Adams of Grayling, sister Sarah Paine of Utica, nephew Richard Beckman of Grayling, five grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services with interment of ashes will be held in the spring of 1997 at Crestview Cemetery in Marquette Township. Rev. J. Douglas Paterson will officiate.

Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Lawrence Duby

Lawrence E. Duby, 47, of Lovells, died Dec. 15, 1966, at his residence. He was born in Grayling on May 2, 1949 to Ray and Marie (McCormick) Duby. His father preceded him in death in 1980.

Mr. Duby, a lifelong resident of Lovells, was a self-employed builder. He was assistant fire chief of the Lovells Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife, Alice L. (Hergenroeder) Duby; two daughters, Nicole Duby of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Martha Duby of Lovells.

Also surviving are a brother, Johnny Duby of Lovells; sisters Julia Diemert of Grayling; Louis Rose of Midland; sister Dorothy Sova of Midland; sister Shirlee Lambert of Lovells; sister Carole Sprague of Midland; and his mother, Marie Duby of Lovells.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 11 a.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling, with Reverend J. Douglas Paterson officiating.

Burial will be in Lovells Township Cemetery in Lovells.

### Donald Houk

Donald L. Houk, 85, of Baldwin, died Dec. 17, 1996, at the Reed City Hospital.

He was born May 24, 1911 in Norvell, and lived in Jackson until moving to Baldwin in 1976.

Mr. Houk is survived by his wife of 56 years, Hazel, a daughter, Joyce Pickell of Grayling, two grandsons, Anthony D. and wife Christi Pickell of Traverse City, and James J. and wife Angie Pickell of Grayling, two great-grandchildren, Nathan and Jessica Pickell, a sister-in-law, Eleanor, and husband Ray Arnold of Jackson.

Funeral services were held in Jackson on Friday, Dec. 20, at 1 p.m., with burial at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Jackson.

Arrangements were made by Patience Montgomery Funeral Home, Inc. of Jackson.

### Card of thanks

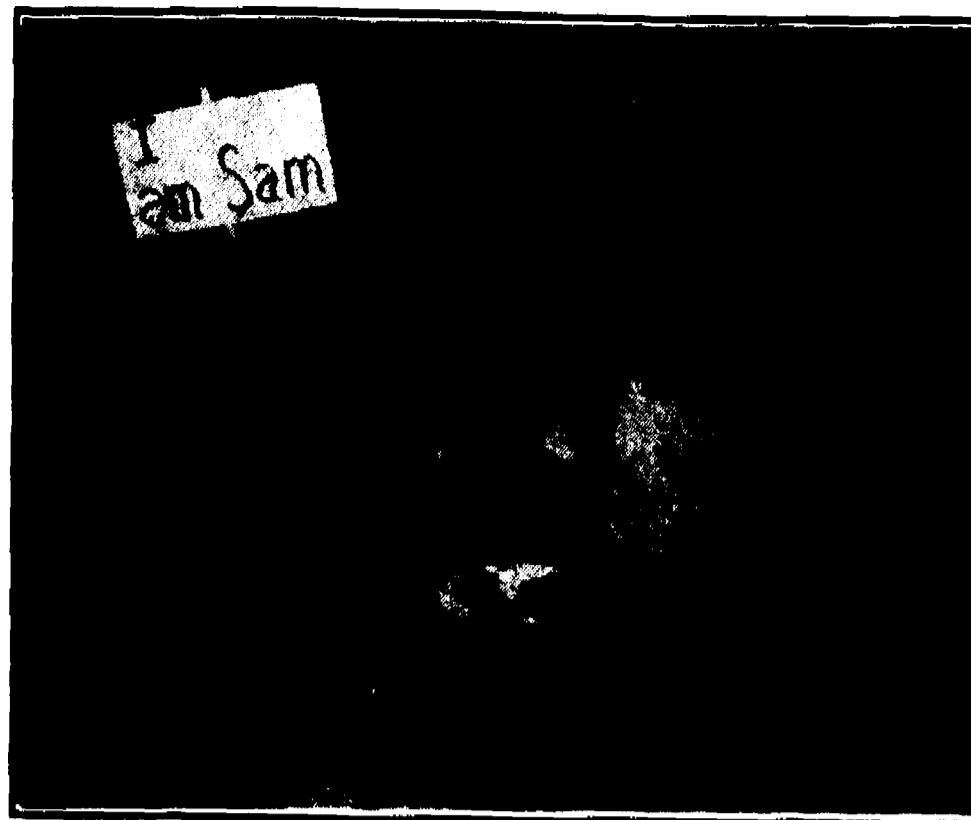
Our sincere thanks to all who helped care for Hugo Somero through his illness and passing. Amicare, Hospice, doctors and nurses, and all friends for their memorials.

A special thanks to Pastor Carpenter for the service, Ron Larson for the prayer, and the ladies from Grayling Free Methodist Church for the lunch.

Also, Derek McEvers who does so much more than expected.

A graveside service will be held in the spring.

Shirley, Alan, Gail, Wanda, and families



**DR. SUESS PRODUCTION** -- Shawn Gabriel (left), son of Matt and Patricia Gabriel, and Tom Failing, son of David and Kelly Failing, put on a production of Dr. Suess' Green Eggs and Ham on Wednesday, Dec. 18. The Frederic Elementary School fifth grade students put on the production for Mrs. Dean's second grade class at the school.

Photo by Lisa Hofman

### Crawford County Sheriff Department

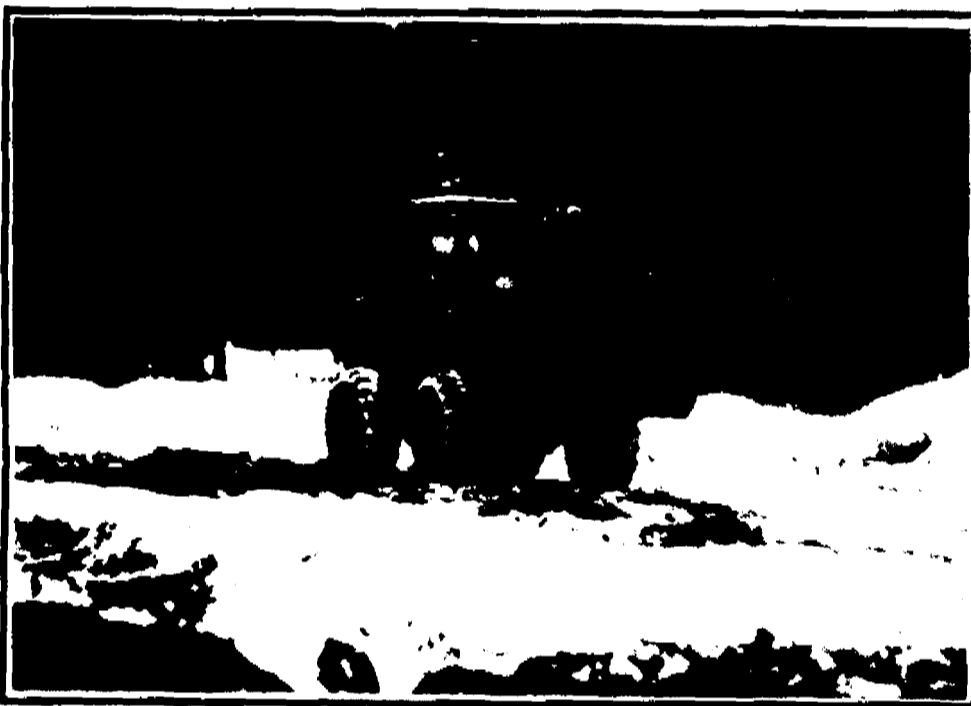


## Sheriff Patrol

The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 91 incidents from Dec. 16 through Dec. 23:

**Fire (1), Assault (2), Burglary (7), Larceny (4), Vehicle Theft (1), Fraud (1), Property Damage (2), Public Peace (10), OUIL/OUID (2), Citations (1):**

**Health and Safety (5), Conservation (3), Minors (1), Runaway (1), Accidents (15), Non-traffic Accident (1), Parking Violation (2), False Alarm (5), InspProp (1), Civil (3), Suspicious Situation (4) and General Non-Criminal (18).**



**ICE RINK CONSTRUCTION** -- Excavation of the new ice rink at Hanson Hills began recently. The rink's liner will be installed and filled as soon as possible so the skating can begin.

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Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., announced the names of citizens who will serve on a panel he has created to make recommendations to fill two vacancies in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

The Eastern Michigan Judicial District includes Crawford County.

"The members of this committee will have a vital responsibility. They are being asked to recommend persons for critical positions in our system of justice who meet the very high standards of integrity, ability, fairness and compassion, and who possess a deep commitment to the rule of law and to civil rights and civil liberties," said Levin. "I am pleased that these distinguished men and women representing the diversity of eastern Michigan have agreed to undertake this important task."

Sen. Levin said the panel will be chaired by Leon S. Cohan, counsel at Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker. Cohan also is past chairman of the State Board of Ethics and former Deputy Attorney General of the State of Michigan.

The 40-person panel is being asked to recommend three of the most qualified persons for each of the vacancies on the federal bench. Federal judges

have lifetime appointments. Levin will then conduct personal interviews with those recommended candidates and then make his own recommendation to President Bill Clinton.

Applications will be accepted by the committee only through Dec. 30. Applicants should write or call Leon Cohan to obtain the application forms and information about the process at 211 West Ford Street, Fifteenth Floor, Detroit, MI 48226; telephone (313) 965-9725. The committee will try to complete its work by the end of February.

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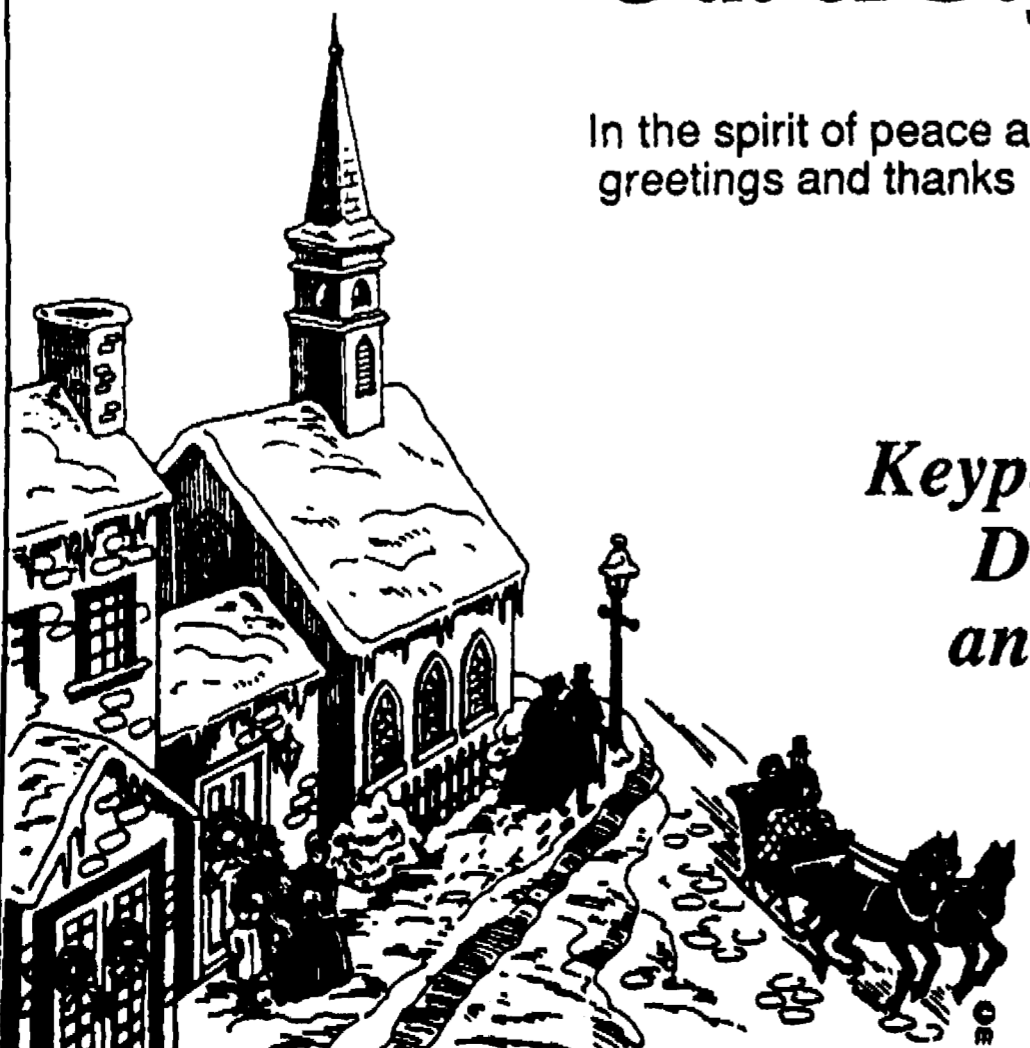
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# SPORTS

## Vikings struggle vs. tough competition

By Craig Hofman  
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School varsity basketball team entered their second week of competition preparing to face two of the tougher teams in Northern Michigan.

The Vikings put forth a great effort in both contests, but could not challenge Petoskey or Gaylord.

The Vikings played Petoskey on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at home and were defeated 78-41.

"We made a lot of mistakes early in the game. However, we are confident that we will correct the mistakes and become a better team," said head varsity coach Rich Moffit.

The Vikings struggled with their shooting. They only shot 18 percent from the field.

The leading scorer for the Vikings was Nate Hinkle with 10 points. Brad Larm added eight and Matt LaForest had five points.

David Sabin lead the team in rebounding with seven boards and Matt LaForest had four assists to lead the team.

The Vikings continued to struggle with turnovers. Thirty-three turnovers kept the Vikings from more scoring chances.

The Vikings hosted the Gaylord Blue Devils on Friday, December 20. The Vikings played hard all night and did not give up even when they were down by 30 points.

The Vikings showed a lot of heart and spirit, but could not stop the explosive Blue Devil offense. The Vikings were defeated 98-68.

The Vikings held their own with the Blue Devils in the first quarter. With 3:14 left in the first quarter, the game was tied 11-11, but the Vikings were committing fouls and the Blue Devils were in the bonus.

With 2:04 left in the first quarter, the Blue Devils were in the double bonus where they get to shoot two free throws for every Viking foul.

Gaylord took advantage of the Viking foul trouble and hit 10 of 17 free throws in the first half to help them pull into a 24-15 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Vikings continued to struggle in the second quarter and sent the Blue Devils to the line where they shot 12 for 18 from the line.

The Vikings also struggled with the Gaylord pressure defense which caused turnovers and easy baskets for the Blue Devils.

The Vikings struggled on their transition from offense to defense.

The Blue Devils went into the locker room at half time with a 51-32 lead.

The Vikings had 19 turnovers in the first half and were three for three from the free throw line.

The Vikings put together some good offensive and defensive spurts in the second quarter, but could not maintain a threat. Gaylord controlled the defensive boards and did not allow Grayling many second chances.

Grayling was hurt by Gaylords 22 of 35 from the free throw line in the first half. The Vikings allowed the Blue Devils too many free points.

The Vikings continued to struggle in the second half. The Gaylord pressure continued to cause turnovers and the Blue Devils converted the turnovers into points.

Gaylord kept the pressure on until there was 1:30 left in the third quarter. They had built a 30-point lead and finally felt they were not in danger of losing the game, so they sent in the second-string players.

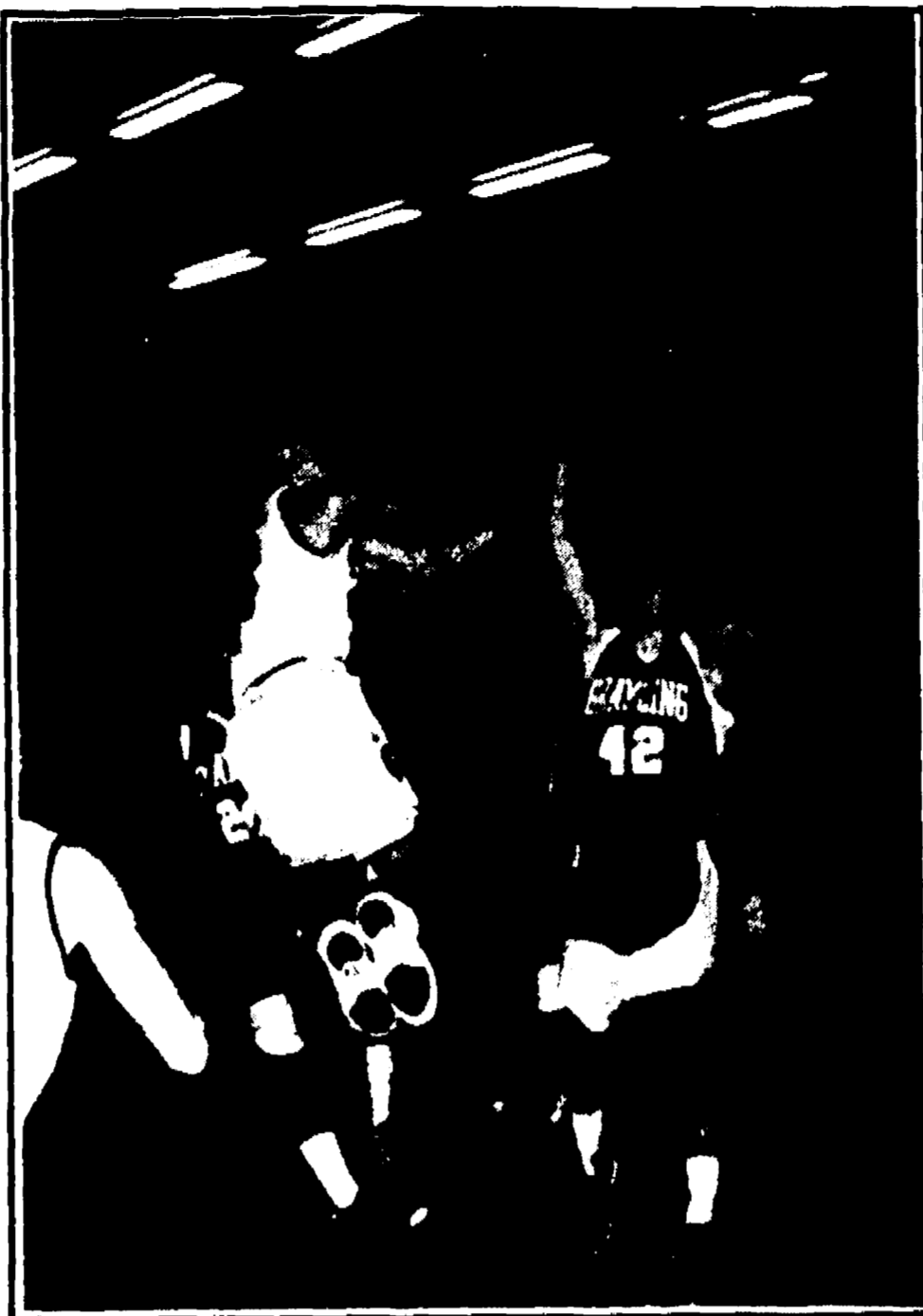
The Vikings continued to be aggressive and hard working. They showed some great hustle and stopped fouling in the second half.

In the fourth quarter Ben Haskel showed the spirit of this Viking team by continuing to play hard.

Haskel played defense against Nehemiah Shane and stole the ball and tied it up for a jump ball. Haskel also dove for a loose ball. The rest of the team also continued to scrap for the ball and never gave up.

The Vikings were defeated 98-68, but the measure of how hard this team played can not be shown in statistics.

Our kids played against a top Northern Michigan team tonight and I was pleased with the improvement at the offensive end of the court," said Moffit.



**SEND IT OUT** — Brad Larm (42) goes up for the block against a Petoskey player Tuesday night. Larm continued to battle on the defensive and offensive end in the contest. Photo by Eric Gaertner

The leading scorer for the Vikings was Nate Hinkle with 20 points. Sam Modica ended up with 15 even though he had early foul trouble. Brad Larm had 10 and David Sabin added six.

Grayling out rebounded the Blue Devils 40-26. Dave Sabin lead the Vikings with 10 boards and Brad Larm added nine.

Ben Haskel lead the team with four steals.

The Vikings are 2-2 on the young season and are off for the holidays. The next game is Friday, Jan. 3 at Kalkaska. The junior varsity contest is set to start at 6 p.m.

The Vikings will then travel to Houghton Lake on Tuesday, Jan. 7. The junior varsity game is set to begin at 6 p.m.

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Viking senior Ben Haskel was chosen Viking of the Week, for showing team leadership and excellent work ethics.

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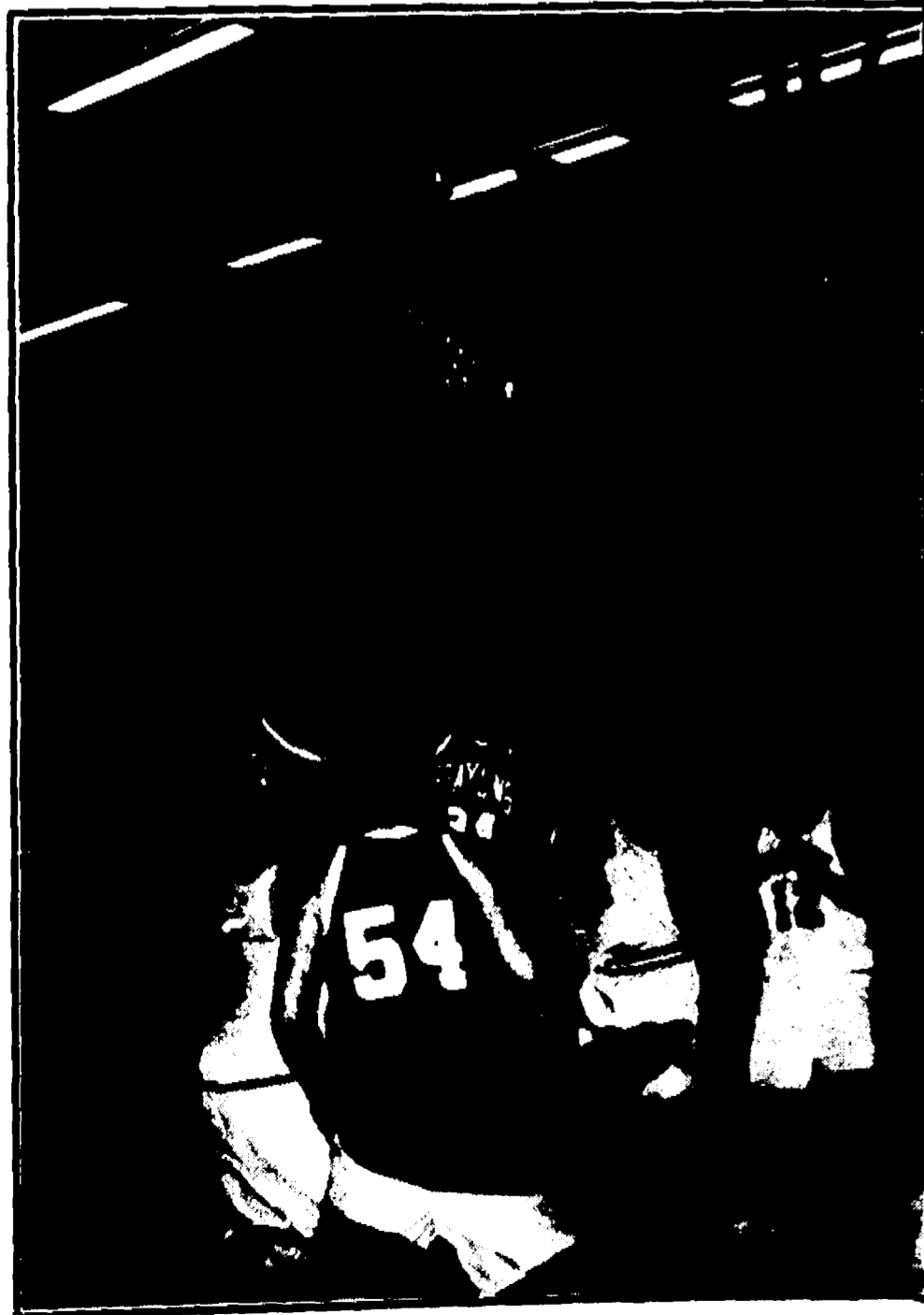


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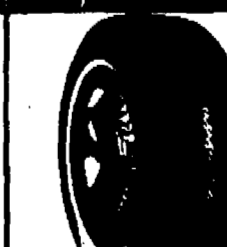
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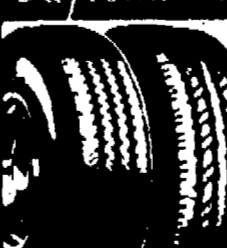
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# CRAWFORD COUNTY SPORTS

## Full day of work earns Grayling Viking spikers a volleyball trophy

### Third place finish at Roscommon good way to enter break

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The Grayling volleyball team brought home the third-place trophy from the Roscommon Tournament Saturday, Dec. 21 after battling tough competition for more than 11 hours.

The long day of hard work was worth it, as the Vikings avenged earlier losses to Lake City by defeating them for third place. The 15-13, 15-8 victory gave Grayling third place behind Traverse City and Roscommon.

"We got a chance to get back at Lake City," Coach Rebecca Brown said. "We were fired up to beat them."

Brown mentioned that two incentives to win the Lake City match were the incentive to bring home a trophy and to avenge the earlier loss.

The team was pleased with the third place result, Brown said.

The Roscommon Tournament featured pool-play action. The teams were split into two pools and each team played every team twice in their pool. The top two teams advanced to the semifinals.

Grayling began the tournament with a split against Gladwin. The Vikings won the first game 15-9, but lost a close one to Gladwin, 13-15.

The Viking spikers came back with an impressive 15-7, 15-7 victories

against Standish. Grayling lost the first game to Beaverton, 8-15, but rebounded for a 15-5 victory in game two. Lake City defeated the Vikings twice in pool play, 13-15 and 12-15.

Beaverton and Grayling finished with identical records in pool play, but the Vikings advanced because they scored more points in the game they lost to Beaverton.

Grayling had to contend with a powerful Traverse City team in the semifinals.

The Vikings showed some strong play early in the match against Traverse City. Grayling built a nice 8-1 lead before Traverse City made a huge comeback.

The Vikings would not score another point in this game, as Traverse City ran the tables for a 15-8 victory.

"The next game I think we were frustrated with the way the first one ended," Brown said. Traverse City won the second game 15-3.

Nicole Craigie had an excellent first game against Traverse City, helping Grayling to the early lead.

"She was just unconscious with her blocking," Brown said. "She probably got a third of her blocks during the tournament in the first TC game."

Craigie finished with 31 blocks during the tournament. She also was third on the team with 41 spikes.

Jessica St. Germain played a well-rounded tournament, earning all-tournament status. Craigie and Amy Godlewski were the others considered for the all-tournament team from the Grayling squad.

"Jessica (St. Germain) is a complete player," Brown said. "She does everything well and is a very competitive person which helps her game."

St. Germain finished with a stat line of 49 spikes, eight tips, 42 serves, 84 passes, 11 saves, 12 blocks and five sets during the tournament.

Godlewski had a good tournament, leading the Vikings with 149 sets and 58 serves. Jessica Waite led the team with 102 passes and was second in spikes with 45.

The Vikings traveled to Gaylord Wednesday, Dec. 18 to take on the Blue Devils in a best two-out-of-three match. Gaylord defeated Grayling, 15-10 and 15-11.

"We were very aggressive, but we made a lot of mistakes," Brown said. "One of the mistakes was going into the net, which we had eight of those penalties in the first game along, giving them seven points."

"The rivalry made it a tough match, but you could definitely tell it was early in the season," Brown said.

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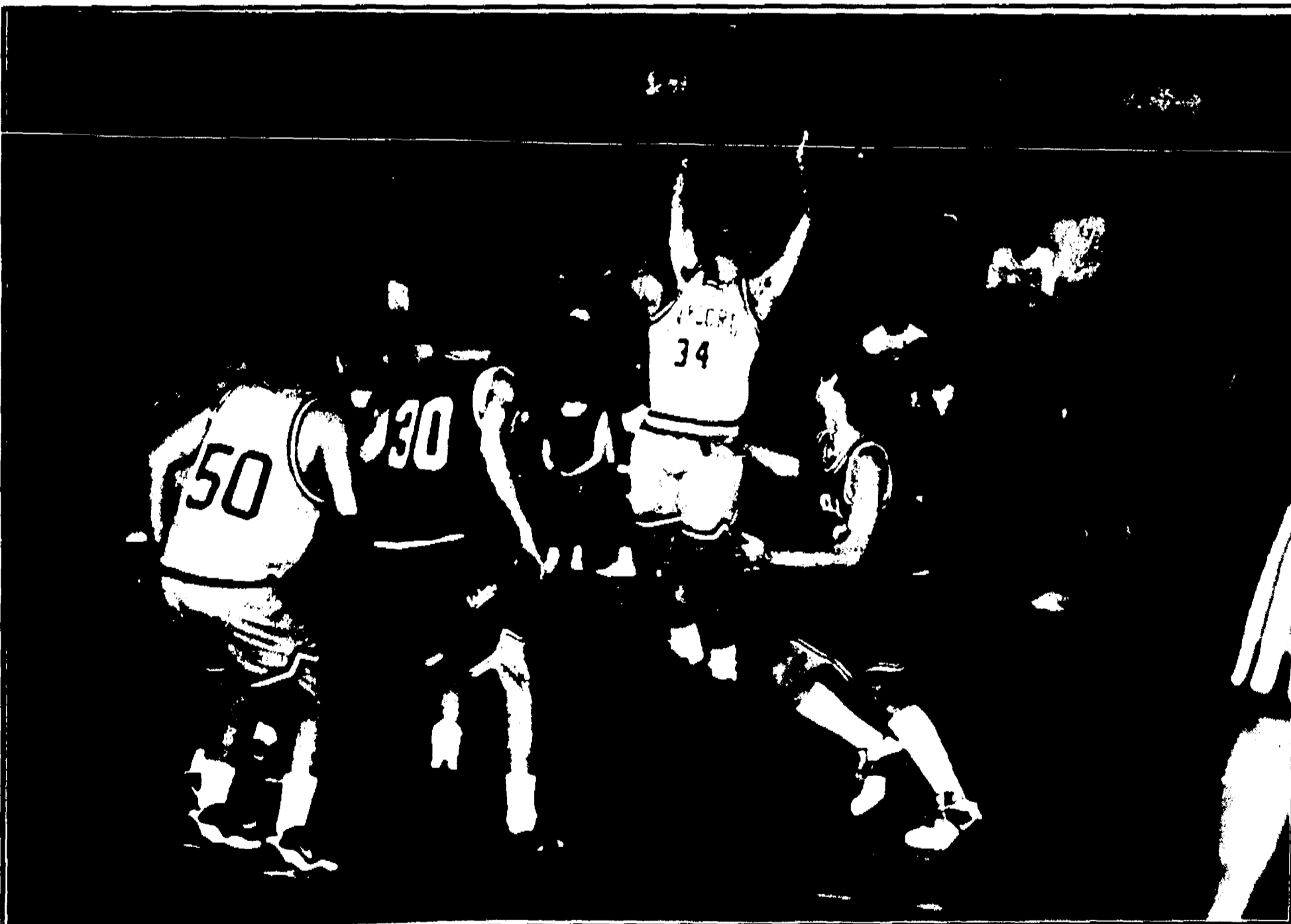
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MGT 300	Principles of Management	Tuesday
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COM 121	College Writing I	Wednesday
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**AFTER THE BLUE DEVILS**—The Grayling junior varsity basketball team battled Gaylord in a close contest Friday night. The JV Vikings came up short in the contest, dropping their season mark. The junior varsity hoopsters also lost a tough game to Petoskey Tuesday night. The outcome of the game was in doubt until the final end — just like the Gaylord game. The JV Vikings once again lost a close decision.

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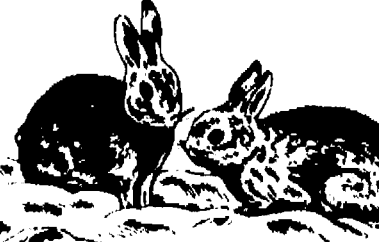
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# Grayling quarterback receives all-state honorable mention for football

Haskel just misses all-academic honor

by Craig Hofman  
Sports Writer

Grayling High School varsity football quarterback Nathan Beckwith, son of Jack and Ann, was named to the Detroit Free Press All-State Honorable Mention team.

Coach Rodney Patterson nominated Beckwith for the award.

"I nominated Nathan, but to get the award other coaches must also recognize the player," said Patterson.

"I was surprised to hear that I won the award. I did not even know that I was nominated," said Beckwith.

"I am happy that I received the award because it is a team award. I would not have received the award if my line did not block and my receivers did not catch the ball," said Beckwith.

"Nathan put it well when he said this

is a team award. Our program is based on a team aspect and the team helped Nathan win the award," said Patterson.

"Nathan deserved the award because of his hard work in the off season. He went to two football camps and hit the weight room and the hard work paid off," said Patterson.

Beckwith, who started as the Viking's quarterback as a sophomore this year, is looking forward to playing in the new conference and hopes to fulfill some goals.

"I would like to win the conference and win a state championship before I graduate. I would like to get a scholarship to play in college, any college," said Beckwith.

Beckwith added that the team played well this year and will be better next year, but he would give up any awards that he has won to give the Grayling football program a winning season.

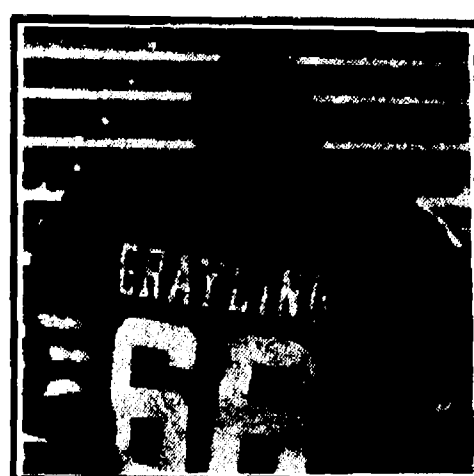
Patterson said that he feels Nathan's



Nathan Beckwith

success comes from his hard work, involvement in Redskins football because they help develop an early knowledge of football, the junior varsity coaches last year who helped Nathan develop his skills, and most importantly his parents who have supported Nathan, but have also supported the football program.

Patterson also added that senior Ben Haskel, son of Tom and Tina, was nominated for academic all-state, but missed the cut by two points.



Ben Haskel

"Ben is third in his class, has a 3.98 grade point average and received a 26 on his American College Test (ACT)," said Patterson.

"The academic all-state is a very prestigious award and is only given to 60 students throughout the state. It is all based on a point system and scores. There is no voting by coaches," said Patterson.

"Ben should be proud of his accomplishments in the classroom," said Patterson.

## Wrestlers drop close match to Petoskey

Jason Hall wins 100th match

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

A Grayling wrestler was in the spotlight at Friday night's Grayling High School basketball game.

Senior Jason Hall received his 100-victory medal at the Dec. 20 basketball game. Hall (140-lbs.) won his 100th match during wrestling contests against Alpena and Petoskey Thursday, Dec. 19.

Grayling defeated Alpena, 46-27, in the first match Thursday night. The marquee match-up pitted Petoskey versus Grayling. The Northmen defeated the Vikings, 41-24.

The Petoskey-Grayling match was really close, Coach Don Ferguson said. Petoskey finished as the runner-up squad in Michigan. They do have a lot of new wrestlers, but Petoskey has a strong wrestling tradition.

The loss of Eddie Davis hurt the team, Ferguson said. Davis was injured in an early season meet, and is expected to return following the new year.

"We had a couple of places where we could of used pins instead of just point victories," Ferguson said. "We also needed to have some kids not be pinned for us to win."

It was a close match that could have gone either way in a couple of weight-class match-ups, Ferguson said.

The local grapplers' record now stands at 5-2-2 on the season. Six of the Vikings won both of their matches at the tri-meet.

The dual winners were Dana Beckwith (119), Dave Shepherd (130), Ben Malonen (135), Hall (140), Joe Medeiros (152) and Nate Niederer (160).

Hall raised his mark to 12-0 and Medeiros now stands at 12-1. Shepherd also moved his record to an impressive 10-3 on the early season.

Also winning one match at the tri-meet was Matt Evon (103), Josh Niederer (112) and Josh Taylor (145).

With the two wins Thursday, Hall's varsity wrestling record at Grayling

moved to 101-41. He is one of 15-20 Viking wrestlers who have earned this honor.

The 1995 state qualifier has really improved over the last two years, according to Ferguson. Last year and the year before that, Hall has made tremendous strides in improving his wrestling.

Hall and the Vikings are on holiday break. The wrestlers will not have another match until Saturday, Jan. 4 at the Gladwin Tournament.

During the break, the wrestlers will start to work specifically on takedowns more, Ferguson said. The Grayling practices will feature good, hard workouts to help maintain each wrestler's weight.

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## Winter Wolf Fest business olympics planned for Feb. 8

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The Olympics will be made up of three events.

The first event is the fifty yard water relay. This event consists of running with a glass of water relay style through the snow for fifty yards. The winning team will have the lowest time and the most water left.

The second event is the snowball throw. The snowball throw will have each contestant throw one snowball and it will be measured for distance.

The team with the longest combined throw will win the event.

The third event will be the down hill cardboard regatta. Each business team must design a cardboard vehicle to go down the hill. The vehicle must be made of cardboard and hold three people.

Each event will be judged and given points: 100 for first, 75 for second and 50 for third.

In event three, there will be bonus points awarded to the best design and the most unusual. Each will receive 50 points.

## DNR gets more funding for wildlife management

Additional revenues for better fish and wildlife management were approved Dec. 12 by the Michigan Senate under legislation introduced by Sen. George A. McManus, Jr. (R-Traverse City).

McManus' bill, Senate Bill 940, will provide an approximate \$3 million a year increase to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fish and Game Fund. Without the legislation, the DNR would have faced a significant budget shortfall and anticipated laying off as many as 10 conservation officers.

Under the legislation, the fee for basic hunting and fishing licenses will increase from \$13 to \$14 in 1998 and will go to \$15 in 2000. In addition, senior citizens will pay a 60-percent discounted rate for their licenses instead of the \$1 fee they currently are charged.

Youths ages 12 to 16 will not be required to purchase a license, but can voluntarily purchase a \$2 pass and will receive a fishing patch in exchange. Funds from the youth passes will be used to create a Youth Educa-

tional Fund which will create fishing programs to draw more young people into the sport of fishing.

"Proposal G was approved overwhelmingly by folks this fall, giving the Natural Resources Commission control over decisions on how to manage the state's natural resources," McManus said. "This will give them the resources to carry out the will of sportsmen and women statewide."

Two years ago, McManus stopped attempts for a similar increase in state fishing and hunting fees, citing lack of grassroots support for such a move.

"The difference this year is the demonstrated grassroots support," McManus said. "The Game and Fish Protection Fund is in serious need of additional funds to manage wildlife, and the DNR did a good job getting out and explaining this across the countryside."

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs and other conservation groups supported the measure. The bill now heads to Gov. John Engler for his signature.

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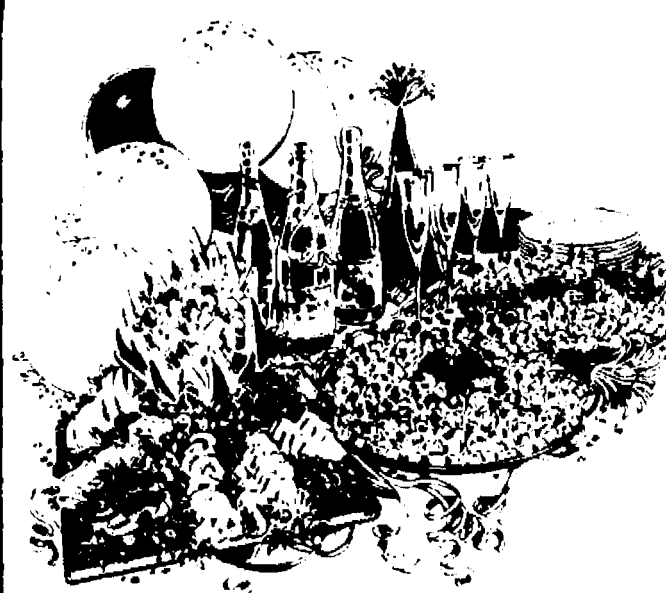
**Wrestling  
Jason Hall**

Viking senior Jason Hall was chosen Viking of the Week for picking up his 100th varsity victory in a match against Alpena on Thursday, Dec. 20.

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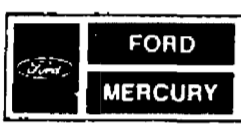


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# Football Contest

Joanna Cottenham was the winner in week #17 of the football contest, with 31 out of a possible 32 points. **John Cottenham, Jim Elliott, Ron "Scotty" MacLeod and Brad Trenary** followed with 26 each. There were a total of 157 entries in this week's contest. **Some of the college bowl games will be played on Friday night, however, they will be played after our 5 pm deadline, so they will be counted as regular games and will not be considered free games.**

**Last Week's Winners:**

1. New England (45)	10. Green Bay
2. St. Louis	11. Carolina
3. Philadelphia	12. Washington
4. Jacksonville (2 pts.)	13. Seattle (5 pts.)
5. Tampa Bay (3 pts.)	14. San Diego
6. Houston (5 pts.)	15. Tampa Bay
7. Cincinnati	16. Cincinnati
8. Buffalo (2 pts.)	17. Miami
9. Miami (59) (3 pts.)	18. Washington (47)

**OVERALL LEADERS**  
Eric Thompson, 260  
John Cottenham, 255  
Rod Wade, 250  
Ted Rondeau, 249  
Joanna Cottenham, 247

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Week #18 for games played Dec. 28 & 29

Game	WINNER	ADVERTISER
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Game 2	_____	_____
Game 3	_____	_____
Game 4	_____	_____
Game 5	_____	_____
Game 6	_____	_____
Game 7	_____	_____
Game 8	_____	_____
Game 9	_____	_____
Game 10	_____	_____
Game 11	_____	_____
Game 12	_____	_____
Game 13	_____	_____
Game 14	_____	_____
Game 15	_____	_____
Game 16	_____	_____
Game 17	_____	_____
Game 18	_____	_____

Tiebreaker 1 (total points scored in game 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Tiebreaker 2 (total points scored in game 18) \_\_\_\_\_  
Tiebreaker 3 (total points scored in game 9) \_\_\_\_\_

**Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules**

- Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Entry blanks without advertisers listed will be invalid.
- One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford Co. Avalanche employees are not eligible.
- Completed entry blanks must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 p.m. Friday before each week's games. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Mail to Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI, 49738.
- Entries must be on an official entry blank as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office.
- Winners may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming a prize.

## Weekly Prizes

- \*Sports cap--Scheer Motors
- \*Mystery gift--Sylvester's
- \*Two Super Gulp's & two large nachos--7-Eleven
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- \*Free hat--McLean's Ace Hardware
- \*One free lunch, a \$6.95 value--Grayling Holiday Inn
- \*Free lube, oil and filter--Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc.
- \*\$50 from the Crawford County Avalanche

## Overall Prizes

- \*Free lube, oil & filter--Scheer Motors
- \*Mystery gift--Sylvester's
- \*\$25 gift certificate--Mac's Drugs
- \*\$10 gift certificate--Grayling Glen's Market
- \*Free lube, oil & filter--Don Nester
- \*\$50 off any purchase--Abel Auto Parts
- \*\$25 gift certificate--Grayling Red Barn
- \*\$50 gift certificate--Comfort Center
- \*Sunday brunch for two and swim room, a \$50 value--Grayling Holiday Inn
- \*Free car wash & dry--Diane's Car Wash
- \*Black & Decker hand-held vac--DuBois Lumber
- \*\$100 and one year free subscription--Crawford County Avalanche

## To be a weekly winner:


- Write your prediction for game one on entry form.
- Write the advertiser's name on entry form for game one. All the advertisers must be included.
- Fill out rest of entry form this way including your three tie-breaker predictions (total points scored by both teams).
- Return the entry form by 5 p.m. Friday to the Avalanche. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m. Mail entries must be postmarked Friday or earlier. No late entries accepted. No exceptions.
- The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed.

## To win the overall prizes:

- Each time you turn in an entry form you'll receive points for your correct picks. Most games will be worth one point. (All games for week 1 are worth one point each.) Later in the season, certain games will be designated as bonus point games worth more than one point. The biggest bonus point game will be at the last week of the contest.
- You don't have to enter each week to be eligible to win but if you play each week, you'll have more chances to win points.
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## Seventh grade Green team begins season 1-1

By Craig Hoffman  
Sports Writer

The Grayling Middle School boys seventh grade green basketball team played its first game on Thursday, Dec. 12 at Gaylord.

The Vikings were defeated 42-30. Coach Doug Pummell said, "We played well over all, but made some first game mistakes."

The leading scorers were Brandon Gorr with nine points. Nick D'amour and Chad Wheeler added six points each.

The Vikings then traveled to Houghton Lake and came away with a victory, 34-28.

"We played good team defense and passed the ball well," said Pummell.

Ricky Riggs lead the Vikings in scoring with nine points. Nick D'amour added eight and Brandon Gorr had six points.

Pummell also recognized Nick D'amour for his defensive work and Marvin Forbes for his rebounding.

The seventh grade teams traveled to Whittemore Prescott on Wednesday, Dec. 28 and will play their first home game against Roscommon on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 5 p.m. at Grayling Middle School.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

Sunday Nite Mixed	
Robideau Cons.	3-1
C.S.I.	3-1
D.A.M.M.	2-2
All Seasons Drywall	2-2
Us & Them	2-2
Mac's Drugs	2-2
Pioneer Hills Marine	1-3
Computer Services	1-3
Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 216; G. Miller, 213; R. Adkinson, 206.	
Men's High Series: R. Pyle, 560; J. Helsel, 552; G. Miller, 546.	
Women's High Game: M. Hawkins, 211; J. Hinds, 206; 201, M. Miller, 173.	
Women's High Series: J. Hinds 587; M. Hawkins, 542; M. Miller 453.	

Northwood	
House of Cabinets	3
Wakeley's Auto Parts	3
Helsel Brothers	3
Rich's Cycle Service	2
R. Calkins & Sons	2
Millikin's	1
Glen's	1
R & M Masonry	1
High Game: T. Romain, 218; L. Holtcamp, 188; P. Everson, 183.	
High Series: M. Miller, 510; L. Dannenberg, 508; T. Papendick, 497.	

## GRAYLING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Camp Grayling	2-0
Spike's	2-0
Fox Construction/	
Hinkle RE/MAX	1-1
Holiday Inn	1-1
Weyerhaeuser	1-2
Lange Vending	0-1
Grayling Generating Station	0-2
<b>Camp Grayling 59</b> — Bindschattel 15, Kirk 12, Trudgeon 10, Junttila 7, T. Doremire 6, Dittmer 5, Latusek 4.	
<b>Weyerhaeuser 58</b> — Grant 20, Trenary 15, Kelley 10, Hull 5, Dandy 4, McGregor 4.	
<b>Holiday Inn 65</b> — Simon 21, Hamlin 20, Dean 8, Weiler 8, Weaver 6, Madill 2.	
<b>Grayling Generating Station 46</b> — Cummings 21, Geers 14, M. Wakeley 4, T. Wakeley 3, K. Wakeley 2, Luck 2.	
<b>Spike's 94</b> — Patterson 23, Church 22, Kucharek 15, T. Gardiner 6, Kolka 6, Thompson 6, J. Mertes 6, Potter 5, J. Gardiner 5.	
<b>Fox Construction/Hinkle RE/MAX 73</b> — Tobin 13, Fox 10, Donahoe 9, Youngblood 8, Jones 8, Nicholas 7, Pummell 6, R. Mertes 4, DeBusscher 4, Burkett 2, Swope 2.	
<b>Weyerhaeuser 57</b> — Trenary 13, Hull 9, Dandy 8, Kelley 7, Grant 7, McGregor 5, Leng 2, Pollen 2, Gothro 2, Hines 2.	
<b>Lange Vending 51</b> — Dannenburg 14, Anderson 10, M. Harland 9, Cragg 6, Bulter 5, M. Hartman 2, R. Harland 2, Jung 2, Burrell 1.	

National First League	
Breakers Steak House	39-21
Forrest Bros.	38.5-21.5
Carquest	36.5-23.5
Northern Whitetail Ranch	33-27
Corkys D.J. & Karoke	29.5-30.5
Moore's Auto Parts	28-32
City Environmental	21-39
Guns & Grub	14.5-45.5
High Game: A. Angove, 244; H. Golnick, 223; T. Sheldon, 219.	
High Series: A. Angove, 625; D. Ray, 543; D. Henning, 541.	

American Men's League	
Fentons Auto Service	7-0
BCI	5-2
Rod's Auto Body	5-2
McLean's Ace	4-3
Auto Parts	4-3
Stitches by Sue	2-5
Upper Lakes	2-5
Northwoods Land	0-7
High Game: T. Kotrash, 233; D. Canfield, 220; D. Mansfield, 208.	
High Series: D. Mansfield, 600; T. Kotrash, 560; R. Pyle, 558.	

Pioneer League	
Millikins	37.5-22.5
Chemical Bank	36-24
Custom Interiors	33-27
Deb & Dale's	30.5-29.5
Avalanche	30-30
Aunt Betty's	25.5-34.5
Mercy Hospital	24-36
Lady Shoppers	23.5-36.5
High Game: S. France, 205; D. Anthony, 199; K. Moshier, 193.	
High Series: J. Hinds, 557; K. Moshier, 547; S. France, 533.	

Senior Citizens League	
Century "21" Realty	38-26
Cornell's Realty	35-29
Mac's Drug Store	34-30
Bucelli's Pizza	33.5-30.5
Totten's Body Shop	33.5-30.5
Baynham Wood Products	28-36
Flowers by Josie	27-37
Sylvester's Sports	25-39
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 212; O. Brantley, 187; H. Ingram, 184.	
Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 212; H. Ingram, 512; O. Brantley, 484.	
Women's High Game: D. Mead, 193; J. Kellogg, 189; A. Roman, 169.	
Women's High Series: D. Mead, 537; J. Kellogg, 466; L. Dandy, 430.	

Recreation League	
North Country R.V.	8-0
Scheer Motors	8-0
Fun-N-Sun Rental	6-2
Cornell's	4-4
Glen's Market	2-6
Mickey Perez CPA	2-6
Peterson Saw Service	1-7
Mark 8	1-7
High Game: C. Brush, 219; J. Czapke, 197; V. Balnes, S. Morse, 191.	
High Series: S. Rioux, 501; S. Grant, 500; C. Brush, 498.	

Triangle League	
Airway Auto	7-1
3-D's	5-3
Blankmen	5-3
Jackson Trio	4-4
Moshier Auto	3-5
Barber Const.	3-5
J.J.'s Motor Mall	3-5
Grayling Ford	2-6
High Game: D. Henning, 224; J. Golnick, 223; R. Buskirk, 218.	
High Series: R. Buskirk, 629; J. Golnick, 604; D. Henning, 593.	

Grayling Recreation Authority wishes to thank the following businesses and individuals for the success of our kickoff of the winter ski season fundraiser

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Mercy Hospital	Paul & Kathy Olson
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McLean's Ace Hardware	The Framery II
Crawford AuSable Community Education	Back X-Country Skis
The Red Barn	Hawk Hill Farms
Upper Lakes Tire	Grayling Country Club
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Neal Michael	Flowers by Josie
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Jansen's Plumbing and Heating	Milltown Car Wash
Sylvester's	Gannon Broadcasting Systems
Scheer Motors	Grayling Red Barn
Wolohan's Lumber	Thane and Julie Doremire
New Life Community Service	Dave Jansen
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Grayling Holiday Inn	Rev. Paul Boerger
Crown Jewelers	Anne Beckwith
Advanced Business Machines	Julie Ginther
Bill Bonkowski & Hart Skis	Pauline Petrosky
Empire Bank	Mitchell Rosekrans
Davis Jewelry	Neal Michal
Cornell Insurance & Realty	Jim Mygard
Comfort Center	Mark Sloan



## POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League	
Legion	73
Swamp II	70
Red Barn	64
Spikes	63
Plaza	58
Breakers	56

Men's Pool League	
Red Barn I	86-58
Red Barn II	81-63
Plaza	77-67
Frederic Inn I	75-69
Frogies	72-72
Weyerhaeuser	72-72
Holiday Inn	69-75
Frederic Inn II	65-79
Breakers	51-93

8 BALL, RUN: Scott of Frogies, Steve and Dave of Holiday Inn; Dean of Weyerhaeuser.

7 BALL, RUN: Jan (twice) of Red Barn I, Steve of Holiday Inn.

WON ALL GAMES: Tom and Jeff of Frederic Inn II.

## Snowmobile safety class to be offered at GHS

by Lisa Hoffman  
Staff Reporter

On January 7, 8 and 9, a snowmobile safety class will be offered at Grayling High School.

The class, sponsored by the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, will be presented by Jerry Balmes and Les Fauch. Balmes and Fauch are currently licensed by the State of Michigan.

Also presenting information will be a Department of Natural Resources officer, a Crawford County Sheriff's

Deputy, and a representative from Northlight who will present a program on first aid.

Although participants in the class will not actually operate a snowmobile (due to liability reasons) they will learn about rules, regulations and safety involved in operating a snowmobile.

As required by state law, those aged 12 to 18 must complete the safety class in order to operate a snowmobile alone.

Participants need proof of their social security number and their date of birth. The class will be from 6:30-9 p.m.

7, 1997, 6-9 p.m. on the KCC campus.

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This course may be taken on a credit/noncredit basis. It is the first required course in the College's Massage Therapy Certificate program. The instructor is Allison Goshorn. The course dates are Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 11 and 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the KCC Campus.

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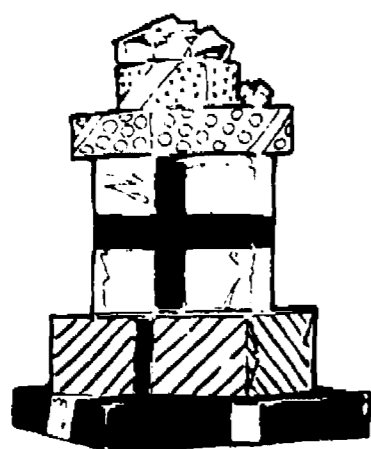
Two courses, one call "Using the Internet," and the other entitled "Introduction to Massage" begin in January under Kirtland Community College's Community Services Program.

Using the Internet is 16-week course, taught by instructors Marc Burger and Detmar Finke, and will cover the nature and structure of the Internet, services offered (with particular emphasis one-mail and news groups) and various methods of connecting a home computer to the Internet.

Additional topics will include how the web works; "HTML" and how to use it to create home pages; choosing and using a web page editor; and using "FTP" to mount and maintain a web page on a web server. Special emphasis will be placed on the stylistic rules for good web page authoring. The course is held on Wednesdays, Jan. 15-May

# Merry Christmas

From All Over Town



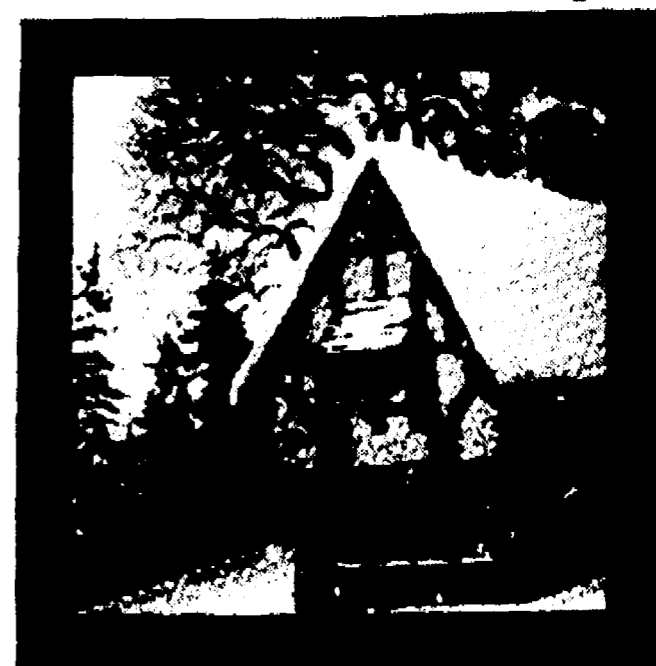
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to your little  
dears,  
we wish you a  
**Merry Christmas**  
&  
**Happy New Year!**

**Heads Up North**



*In the true spirit of the  
Christmas season, may goodness and  
peace prevail for all on this  
precious Earth.*

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# A Very Merry Season To All You Gentlefolk!

- \* Christmas was a simple affair,
- \* A time filled with friends, family and prayer.
- \* A time when strangers were welcomed  
with open arms,
- \* A time to sing God's many praises  
in hymns and psalms.
- \* In these modern times,  
it's good to remember,
- \* The gentler days of  
past Decembers
- \* Though some things never  
change, it's true...
- \* Like our deep felt thanks  
for friends like you!



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Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, December 26, 1996

## 1. Real Estate

**AUSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE** - Wendy Lane. What a setting for this home. Four bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, deck across front to watch river flow by. Attached 1 1/2 car garage, furnished. Super sharp. \$149,500. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co., P.C. 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336. 11/7/96tf/1

**240 ACRES** Excellent hunting, beautiful remodeled farm home, several large outbuildings, pond. Over 2500' of river frontage, two rental units included, some fillable land. Asking \$349,000. Collins & Associates. 616-258-2699. -26-2-9/1

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9/12/96tf/1

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**778 ACRES** Last large parcel in the Northwest Lower Peninsula. Rolling and wooded with several streams and panoramic views of Six Mile Lake. Two beautiful homes, barns, abundance of wildlife. Asking \$1,100,000. Collins and Associates. 616-258-2699. -26-2-9/1

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**NEW AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES** 15 large wooded lots. A log home, association development, cable TV, underground utilities, near AuSable River. Information call 517-348-7355. 12/19/96tf/1

**LEARN REAL ESTATE LAW** on Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 9:30 pm, beginning January 15. Register January 8-10. Call Kirtland Community College. 517-275-5121, ext. 284. -26/1

## 2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM TRAILER** By high school. \$390 month plus references and deposit. 348-3931. -26/2

**TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX** Natural gas, clean, storage, some remodeling, \$350 plus utilities, deposit, employment references. 8110 Insley Ave. (Off Margrethe Blvd.) Ph. 348-2178. 12/16/96tf/2

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**LARGE STately HOME IN TOWN** 1.5 lots, 1,482 sq. ft., three bedrooms, small basement, garage, home recently remodeled, all appliances included, new roof and siding. \$55,000. (NN-579)



**NEWLY REMODELED** 14x70 mobile on beautiful lot. Large kitchen with bay window. Mostly drywall, six-inch insulated walls, track and spot lights, internal stereo system. \$34,000. (JW-MF)



**ROOM TO ROAM** Six-bedroom home with two baths, 30x36 pole barn garage and a small guest house or workshop. Twenty acres with large hardwoods, apple orchard and thousands of planted pines near the river. Adjoins state land. \$149,000. (DL-34)



**MOBILE HOME WITH ADDITION** Four bedrooms, two baths, located on 2+ acres with state land across the road-close access to AuSable River. 30x40 pole barn. \$39,000. Reduced to \$29,000. (MC-517)



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**KAREN WOODS** Large wooded lot, close to town. Four-bedroom home with garage and swimming pool. Natural gas hot water heat, close to Lake Margrethe. Reduced to \$78,500. (DL-47)



**NICE SUBDIVISION** Three bedrooms, dining room, fireplace, two-car garage, large lot and is located in a nice subdivision. \$59,500. Reduced, \$57,000. (MC-511)



**HOLY WATERS** AuSable River, 10 acres with over 220' frontage, three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, garage, large trees. Flies-only section. \$135,000. Reduced to \$125,000. (DL-36)

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**DOWNTOWN GRAYLING** 208 Michigan Avenue. 1,100 square feet. Call Larry at 348-5477. 10/3/96tf/2

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**EFFICIENCY ROOMS** Phone, cable, \$75 week. Phone 348-7681. 8/29/96tf/2

**NEW THREE BEDROOM** 14x70 mobile home in Grayling Mobile Estates, close to town, cable TV, energy efficient furnace and insulation with natural gas. Senior Citizen and single person discounts available. Starting at \$450. Brand new unit available. Section 8 acceptable. Call Ron at 348-6761. 12/12/96tf/2

**TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX** in Viking Village. No pets. Includes lawn maintenance, snow plowing and trash pick up. Utilities not included. Call Karen 616-946-4486. 12/5/96tf/2

**TWO BEDROOM HOME** \$400 a month plus utilities, one month security deposit. 348-9467. -19-26/2

**RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS** Located at 306 Knight Street in Grayling has one bedroom apartments available for immediate occupancy to qualified applicants. Barrier free units and limited rent subsidy for the building. Applications available on site or call 348-5837 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD# 1-800-855-1155. LR12/26/96/2

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**NICE TWO BEDROOM HOME** with garage, gas heat, jacuzzi, cable hook up, minutes from town on E. M 72. \$450 per month, plus deposit. Call Kay 348-4864. 12/19/96tf/2

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To all of you that have made 1996 so successful for me, thank you!

**Debbie Bondar**

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I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and hope your holidays are filled with many special and cherished memories this year, and that the true meaning of Christmas becomes part of your lives.

May the new year bring reality to your plans and dreams this coming 1997.



**Bob Pollack**  
River Country Real Estate  
5688 M-72 West, Grayling



**Connie Seewald**

Here's wishing you and yours a Very Merry Christmas!



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**NICE MOBILE HOME** with 18' of overhang snow roof and factory insulated with "Northern Wrap", providing economical heating costs. New hot water heater, new fast recovery water pump and nice big garage to store your toys and vehicles. Across the road from many acres of state land. \$42,900. #3956. Contact **SHERRY HANSON**, your professional Sales Consultant.



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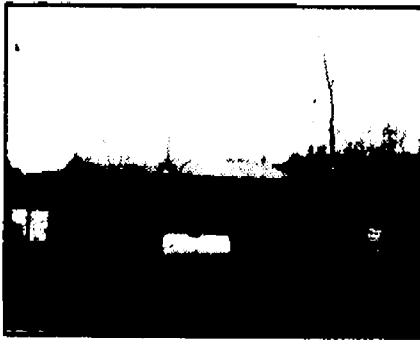
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**133 feet on the AuSable River**

If you're looking for seclusion, but not too far from town, looking for waterfront on the AuSable...then this cabin has lots of possibilities for you. This sale will also include two travel trailers. Close to state land. \$23,500. #3865



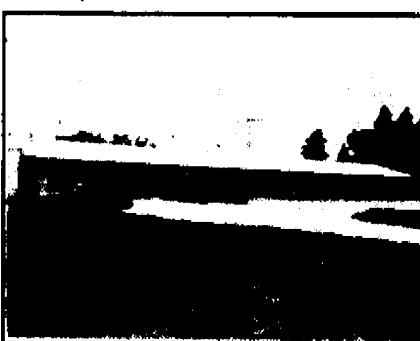
**Close to Quest Golf Course**

Fantastic home with exceptional landscaping, large decks and stone-look patio that accent the exterior. Features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, an exquisite oak kitchen, rec. room with wet bar, walk-out basement, two-car garage and much more! \$119,000. #3923




**Immediate occupancy**

Recently remodeled home in the city. Offers three bedrooms, partial basement, garage, cement patio, lots of storage area and fenced backyard. Also features new vinyl siding, new roof, new carpet and fresh paint. \$53,900. #3974



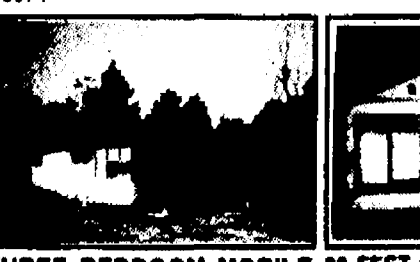
**Excellent commercial opportunity**

This motel is presently being converted over to apartments-four apartment units and four rental-room units. The property also includes a mobile with an addition. All on 2.02 acres. High traffic and recreational area. \$148,500. #3972




**Short distance to Lake Margrethe**

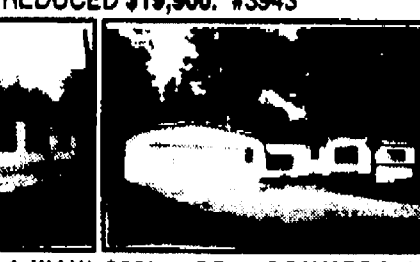
and minutes from Grayling's snowmobile and RV trails. The home could be used as a seasonal or full-time rental property. State land is only less than a mile away. **REDUCED \$19,900. #3943**




**THREE BEDROOM MOBILE HOME** with addition in a great area. Includes an extra room that could be used as a fourth bedroom, two baths, deck and 20x24 shed. \$28,000. #3975



**88 FEET OF LAKE MARGRETHE** AFFORDABLE GET-A-WAY! 200' OF COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE. New sea wall, new well, ceramic tile in the kitchen and mostly furnished. Also includes a Mobile home in excellent condition. Offers a large bedroom log cabin which has electricity, good-size basement for storage, dining room, pole building, garage, acres. \$15,000. #3911



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**LOVELY THREE-BEDROOM HOME** in Beaver Creek Township, within 1/2 mile of fire department and park. Also within three miles of Higgins Lake. #203.



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**ACCOUNTING:** Earn an associate degree in accounting at Kirtland Community College. Get started with Accounting Principals I, Tuesday evenings. Register January 8-10. Call 517-275-5121, ext. 284. -26/3

### 3. Employment

**THE CRAWFORD-ROSCOMMON** Sibs for Kids Program is seeking adult volunteers to spend time with children in need of adult role models. There is an application process and the only requirement is to give a minimum one year commitment and make regular contacts. Please call Lorrie at 517-348-2841, ext. 262. Share an experience with one of our children. The current waiting list has 19 children: 10 boys and 1 girl in Roscommon; 5 boys and 3 girls in Crawford. -26-2/3

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**KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S APPRAISAL I** meets the 30-hour state requirement toward appraisal licensure. This course will be held on Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:30 pm, beginning January 14. Register January 8-10. Call today. 517-275-5121, ext. 284. -26/4

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**TANDY DOT MATRIX** color printer w/tractor feed, \$150. Sears electronic typewriter w/digital display, memory and spell check, \$125. 517-348-2565. -16-26-2/5

### 4. Services Offered

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### 5. For Sale

**WHIRLPOOL GAS DRYER** \$150. Call 348-5760, after 6:30 pm. -19-26/5

**1994 700 E.F.I. WILDCAT** Terry's Sport Center, Grayling. 348-7513. 11/14/97tf/5

**SEASONED FIREWOOD** \$40 cord, delivered and stacked. 348-6340. leave message. LR12/26/96/5

**DISH NETWORK**, 18" DISH Programming, \$10 for 10 channels or \$19.99 for 40 channels. Special \$299 dish + \$300 1st year programming + \$99 installation = \$698. Can finance for \$17/mo., W.A.C. Northern Electronics, 517-348-6944. 9/5/96tf/5

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**YAMAHA TRUMPET** Good condition, \$295. 348-8734. -26-2/5

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### 7. Miscellaneous

**WELCOME WAGON HOSTESS'S** Call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562, or Mary Lou Passmore, 348-5816, if you are a new comer, engaged, or a new mother. 8/3/95tf/8

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**GUNSMITHING CLASSES** offered at Kirtland College. Gunsmithing I and II on Tuesdays, 5-9 pm, beginning January 14. Register for class January 8-10. Call 517-275-5121, ext. 284. -26/7

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**SINGLES DANCES** Every Thursday from 8 pm to 12 midnight at Breakers, 2123 Industrial Drive, Grayling. Admission \$5. Come join in on the fun and help get it started. For more information call 517-348-1204. -26-2/8

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**HOSPITALITY COURSE** at Kirtland Community College: Introduction to Hospitality is offered on Tuesdays/Thursdays, 4:30 - 6 pm. January 13 - May 10. This career field offers a variety of interesting employment opportunities. Register January 8-10. Call 517-275-5121, ext. 284. -26/8

**MEDICAL ASSISTING** program now available at Kirtland Community College. Train in two major areas—administrative and clinical—for employment in the health services field. Register January 8-10. For information call 517-275-5121, ext. 281. -26/8

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### 9. Personals

**ATTRACTIVE, DIVORCED, CHRISTIAN** white male, early 50's, looking for attractive, slender, level-headed, single, white Christian female. Non-smoking, non-drinking, for conversation, companionship and fun, maybe more. If interested, respond in writing to: Attn: R.G., P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. All replies will be answered. LR12/26/96/9

**JOHN - MERRY CHRISTMAS** Sorry we can't be together, but I still love you more than ever. -26/9

**LEAVING - \$500** For information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons who broke into my home, December 22nd. 348-6565. -26/9

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## 10. Garage Sales

**YORTY'S ANTIQUES AND BOOKS**  
10,000 collectibles, furniture, jewelry, tip-up badges, military, glass, 25,000 used books, and etc., etc. Open daily 12 to 5, December 26 to January 4. On County Road 200, by 1st Bank at shopping center. 517-821-9242.  
-26-2/10

## 11. Automotive

**1985 FORD 150 4X4**, 4-speed, \$2,000. Call 348-7755.  
-19-26/11

**'89 FORD TAURUS WAGON** Runs great, \$2,000. 348-8734.  
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## Care needed during Christmas season

The holiday season is traditionally a joyous time of the year, but it can be a dangerous one if care is not taken with Christmas trees and holiday lighting, warn Consumers Power Company and the State Fire Marshal.

"In 1995, Michigan fire departments reported losses totalling \$13.3 billion in property due to fires," said Carl L. English, vice president of electric transmission and distribution for the utility.

"We encourage customers to pause in the hectic rush of getting ready for Christmas to make sure they are preparing and decorating in a safe manner."

Of the 60,076 fires reported in Michigan during 1995, 15 were attributed to Christmas tree incidents. These holiday fires accounted for property and content losses of \$654,600.

"Last year, 214 deaths and 919 civilian injuries in our state were caused by fires," said Captain Wade Schaefer, state fire marshal. "These deaths are particularly tragic when

they occur during the holiday season, so we caution residents to check their smoke detectors to be sure they're operating properly."

Consumers Power and the State Fire Marshal offer these safe holiday suggestions:

- Choose a fresh Christmas tree and water it frequently. Place the tree in a stand that will not tip over and keep the tree away from heat sources and exitways.

- Keep candles away from decorations and other materials that can catch fire. Do not leave children unattended in a room with lighted candles and remember to keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.

- When decorating with lights, purchase only those labeled by a testing laboratory, such as UL. Check for frayed or damaged cords and replace them. Don't overload electric outlets and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to sleep.

- If guests at holiday gatherings are smokers, hosts should provide large, deep ashtrays and remember to check under upholstery and in trash cans for smoldering cigarette butts.

- Never leave the stove unattended while cooking. Keep cooking areas clean, wear clothes with tight-fitting sleeves, and turn pot handles inward on the stove and out of children's reach.

- Special care should be taken around your fireplace during this season. Make sure the flue is open before starting a fire. Never burn wrappings or a Christmas tree in the fireplace.

- Always keep a fire extinguisher handy.

"If we all follow these important safety rules, it can be a safer, more enjoyable holiday season," added English.

## Driving sober focus of 'holiday spirit'

Restaurants, bars and grocery stores are reminding people to get into the spirit — the non-alcoholic spirit — this holiday season if they plan to drive. Because the holidays should be happy — and safe — businesses will be putting up special *Drive Safe This Holiday, Drive Sober* materials for the annual Michigan-based campaign.

The campaign, a public-private partnership, encourages party hosts and guests to celebrate the season with safety in mind when alcoholic beverages will be served.

Around the state, selected sites will be decorating their establishment with posters, window decals, buttons and table tents to highlight the campaign's vital message. The sites are just a small sample of the hundreds of businesses that will participate in the special holiday decoration day.

"Looking out for the safety and well-being of family and friends is a wonderful holiday gift," said Betty J. Mercer, executive director of the Office of Highway Safety Planning. "And that includes planning ahead for safe and sober transportation home."

People who will be attending social functions should designate a driver ahead of time, plan to call a cab or arrange for an alternative ride home, or enjoy non-alcoholic beverages such as flavored teas or sparkling wines.

In Michigan, 36.9 percent of traffic deaths involved alcohol in 1995. Over the 1995-96 New Year's holiday period, 14 people were killed and approximately 46 percent of those crashes involved alcohol. During the 1995 Christmas holiday period, 16 people were killed and almost a third of those crashes involved alcohol.

## October housing starts pick up

Michigan 1996 housing project starts were up 11.7 percent from 1995 year-to-date totals through the month of October. October housing project starts were up 7.3 percent from September.

"Michigan housing starts gained ground while housing starts nation wide dropped," commented Rick Delamater, president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders. "With the economy slowing some, and no signs of inflation the Federal Open Market Committee decided to make no change to either the federal funds rate or the discount rate. This has been good for those looking to buy a new home as mortgage interest rates have fallen."

Fixed-rate mortgages fell to 7.86 percent in October from 8.28 percent in September, which is only slightly higher than they were a year ago. Lumber prices for 1,000 board feet of framing lumber dropped to \$409 in October from \$453 in September.

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## Teens deliver Christmas cheer

Students from the Houghton Lake National Honor Society, Hospice of Michigan (HOM) Teen Volunteers of Houghton Lake and Roscommon High School delivered holiday cheer to three local long-term care facilities for Hospice of Michigan.

Together with residents of The Meadows of Grayling, students decorated the facility and shared in companionship. After traveling through a snow storm, they assisted with holiday decorations, song and dance and socializing at Hilltop Manor Health Care Center in Roscommon.

The students then wrapped up their journey at The White Oaks of Mio with lots of decorating and spreading of Christmas spirit among residents and staff.

HOM Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Whitkowski, of the Roscommon office, had recently completed a training program for a portion of the teens when the Christmas season began.

"What a wonderful time of year to incorporate such an outstanding group of young people with our program ... they did a terrific job in making the residents' holiday special," Cindy stated. "HOM and our communities are truly blessed this season through the shared talents of these teens."

Hospice of Michigan is a state-wide, nonprofit United Way agency that serves terminally ill patients and their families. Anyone seeking more information about becoming a volunteer can contact the Roscommon office at 1-800-553-1978 or 517-275-8967.



**CHAMP McNAMARA** — John McNamara receives his recognition as the District Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee Champion in the seventh to ninth grade competition. He'll move on to represent Grayling in the State Championship in Mason in February.

## Grayling well represented at K of C Spelling Bee

Grayling Knights of Columbus Council 1982 proudly sent their local "Champions" to compete in the District K of C Spelling Bee in Gaylord on Nov. 10.

In the fourth to sixth grade competition, Grayling was well represented by Janelle Gregorich, Charley McNamara and Lexi Bondar, and while none of them moved on to the State Finals, they all did well, and held their own against 15 other competitors from all over northern Michigan.

In the seventh to ninth grade competition, Grayling's own John McNamara stood off the challenges of 18 rounds to win and qualify to advance to the State K of C Spelling Bee Championship on Feb. 1 at Mason.

Marlon Neuberger, local spelling bee chairman for K of C commented, "We, the whole community, should be very proud of the efforts of all our participants, and their parents. A good and challenging time was had by all."

## Journalism telecourse offered

Bob Woodward of the Washington Post, Charles Kuralt, CBS News, Dave Barry, The Miami Herald, and Larry King, CNN, are four of the widely acclaimed journalists you'll learn from in a new telecourse offered at Kirtland Community College beginning Jan. 16.

Taped interviews with more than 100 working journalists will review traditional and emerging styles in print and broadcast news writing, as well as discuss journalism ethics and media law.

"Many of the best writers and reporters in journalism offer worthwhile advice through the telecourse videos," said Jon Thompson, Kirtland's journalism instructor.

"It's an interesting way to learn important journalism skills, but the

course isn't for everyone. The videos, a textbook, student workbook, and the instructor offer guidance, but the student has to be able to handle working independently."

The three-credit telecourse involves watching 15 fast-paced, half-hour videos and completing written assignments that can be mailed or sent by e-mail to the instructor. In addition, students must attend an orientation session in the evening on Jan. 16 at the college and two additional sessions Feb. 13 and March 5.

Those interested in the telecourse can call Kirtland Community College at 517/275-5121 Ext. 284 for registration information or visit KCC's web site at:

[Http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us](http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us)



**SUCCESSFUL DRIVE** — Veterans Of Foreign Wars, Carl W. Borchers Post 3736 and Auxiliary held their annual food drive Dec. 7 to aid the Crawford County Community Christian Center. Through the generosity of the residents of Grayling and surrounding communities, the VFW was able to present more than \$600 in cash and other commodities.

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## YOUR HOROSCOPE

### Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: Dec. 29, 1996 - Jan. 4, 1997

- ARIES**  
March 21-April 19  
A specific request will be made of you. Think carefully before agreeing to do anything.
- TAURUS**  
April 20 - May 20  
The new year will bring you good luck. Don't be afraid to look to the future; be enthusiastic...be daring!
- GEMINI**  
May 21 - June 20  
Look past the obvious until you find the missing link. A secret will finally be exposed.
- CANCER**  
June 21 - July 22  
When opportunity knocks, open the door; if it is golden, run away with it.
- LEO**  
July 23 - Aug 22  
A new career could get 1997 off to a rocky start. Don't be taken in by those who want to get in your way.
- VIRGO**  
Aug 23 - Sept 22  
Your talents have been recognized; now, what are you going to do about it? Don't put them back in the closet!
- LIBRA**  
Sept 23 - Oct 22  
A friend may not be objective enough to give you good advice. Seek counsel from an impartial source.
- SCORPIO**  
Oct 23 - Nov 21  
Shoulder responsibilities with the grace of an artist. Don't demean others by putting them down.
- SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov 22 - Dec 21  
Romance may not be in the cards for the time being...but don't give up, altogether.
- CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22 - Jan 19  
You will finally have the opportunity to wrap up a project that has taken up much of your time. Welcome the change.
- AQUARIUS**  
Jan 20 - Feb 18  
A possible social activity could garner big rewards. Network with the bigwigs.
- PISCES**  
Feb 19 - March 20  
A co-worker may ask a favor of you. Don't be afraid to say "no". Your time is your own.



**LOOKING FOR HOME** — Weatherby is a one-year-old male Springer spaniel. He is housebroken, but no small children. To adopt Weatherby, or any of the pets, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

## PET CARE TIPS

**Holiday paraphernalia can hurt pets. Cover or tack down electrical cords. Keep tinsel and glass ornaments out of reach. Read warnings on items such as spray-on snow. Never put ribbon around a pet's neck or allow it to play with plastic or foil wrapping or six-pack beverage holders.**

**Keep your pet on its regular diet. Holiday treats, such as chocolate and bones, can be harmful or toxic.**

**Many plants — including Christmas rose, holly, mistletoe, philodendron and dieffenbachia — are toxic to pets. Keep them out of your pet's reach.**

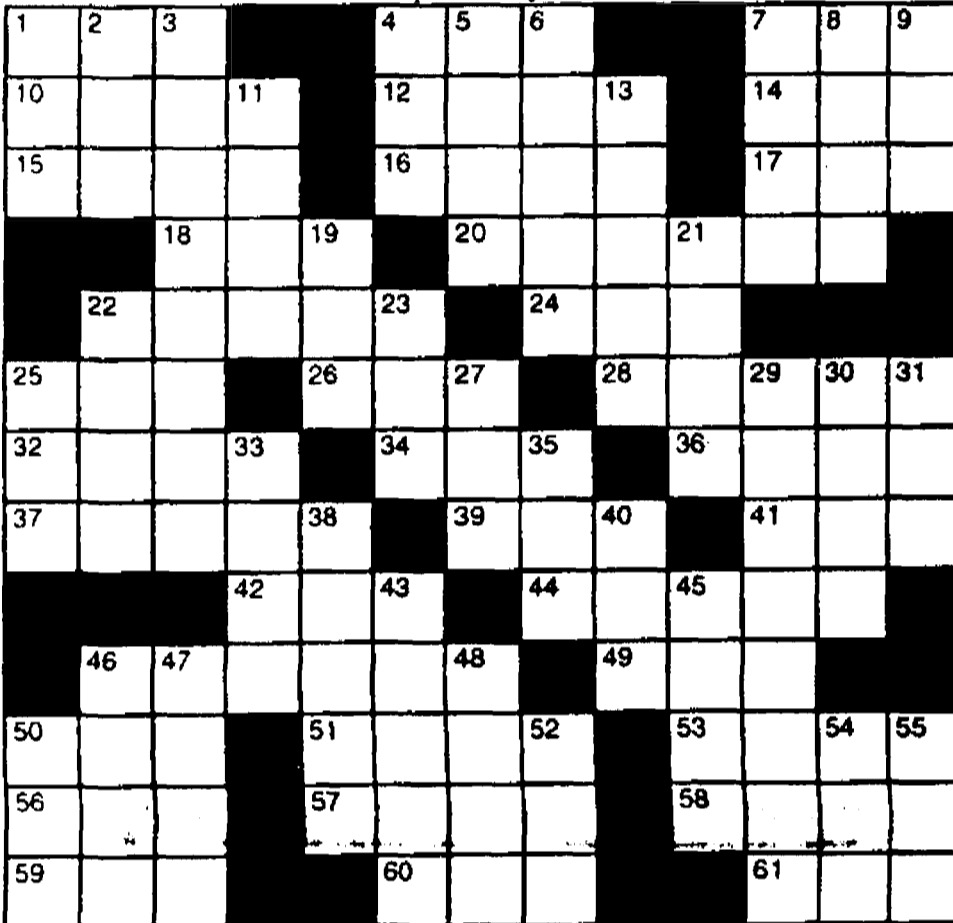
## WEEKEND CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

1. Spasm
4. Mine product
7. Obstruction
10. Smell
12. Crease
14. Baseball term, init.
15. European capital
16. Chimney
17. Aged
18. Amplify
20. Flee
22. Pattern
24. Crone
25. Pronoun
26. Present time
28. Cotton thread
32. Sea eagle
34. Sailor
36. Health resorts
37. Pertaining to a node
39. New, prefix
41. Extra-sensory perception, init.
42. Small bed
44. Nip
46. High or middle
49. Hawaiian wreath
50. Buddy
51. Cow talk
53. Christmas
56. Greek letter
57. Feed hogs
58. Content
59. Tumor
60. Firmament
61. Napoleon's marshal

### DOWN

1. Craggy hill
2. Marriage vow, 2-wds.
3. Mixture
4. Away
5. Actor's part
6. Redden
7. Let fall
8. Can do
9. Among
11. Peruse
13. Transfer design
19. Lair
21. Spartan king
22. Sulu Moslem
23. House site
25. Jap. money
27. Pale
29. Sample
30. Whip
31. Extrasensory perception
33. Every
35. Representative, abbr.
38. Appears
40. Grease
43. Implements
45. After
46. Satisfy
47. Tribe
48. Expression
50. Church seat
52. Secret agent
54. Chop
55. Eye inflammation



## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago Dec. 27, 1973

Mary Ann Gothro, daughter of Mrs. Don K. Gothro and the late Mr. Gothro of Grayling, became the bride of Robert F. Clayton, Jr., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Clayton of Alpena, on Saturday, Dec. 15, at four o'clock, at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. The bride's uncle, Ken Gothro of Lansing, gave her away. The maid of honor was Kathy Hauser of Lansing and bridesmaid was Shelly Miller, also of Lansing. Irving DeHutt of Pontiac served as best man. Gary Sommerville of Mt. Pleasant was groomsmen and ushers were Greg Gothro of Lansing, a cousin of the bride, and Mark Gilbert of Dearborn, the groom's cousin. Jenny Annis provided the music.

Willard Bosserman, county extension director, reported receiving his first seed catalog of the year on December 18. This is a new record.

Ray Middleton's son is safe. He was on the Kitty Hawk when it burned. Mrs. Middleton wishes to thank everyone for their prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McIntyre and family will be spending the Christmas holiday with her mother Mrs. Mary Norton. A family friend Mr. Sam Baldwin of Garden City will be coming with them.

Mr. Baldwin and Mary Norton haven't seen each other in 20 years. It will be a very nice visit for all.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 24, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church for Thorwald (T. P.) Peterson of 604 Maple St., Grayling. Mr. Peterson was born in Grayling, September 20, 1891 and spent his entire life here. He passed away Dec. 22 at Mercy Hospital.

Miss Karen Gothro was released from Munson Hospital Tuesday of last week.

Miss Katherine Peterson of Mt. Morris is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ester Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Birdsall spent Christmas in Mio.

At its regular monthly meeting, held Dec. 19, the Crawford County Democratic Committee discussed campaign strategy for 1974 with guests, Jim Sylvester of Grayling and Barbara Sawyer, a field staff member of the Michigan Democratic Party. The 7:30 p.m. meeting which was held at the Michelson Consolidated Gas Building and was attended by Rose Horton, Jim Brozo and Glenn Hayes, who, though present, was temporarily unable to use his voice due to a recent vocal chord operation.

Maggie Leverton Fell and hurt her knee and has been laid up. She is staying with the Clarence Smalls at Beaver Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Clark left Grayling Tuesday morning for their

winter home in Nokomis, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas Jurkovich and their son, Collin, will be moving to Clermont, Florida, for a year. Tommy will be attending a management training course sponsored by Michelin Tire Corp.

Mr. Elsey of Grayling Pharmacy, won the five pound ham from the practical nurse class at Kirtland Community College.

### 46 Years Ago Dec. 28, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Nickless of Gladwin announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirlee Joan to Pfc. Gerald McEvers. Pfc. McEvers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McEvers of Grayling and is serving in the United States Air Force at Selfridge Field.

Two new officers of Crawford County are slated to take over on Monday, January 1, 1951. Charles E. Moore as Prosecuting Attorney and Archie Howse as County Treasurer.

A Christmas Canata entitled "Chimes of the Holy Night" presented by the Grayling High School sixty voice choir, under the direction of Mrs. Roy O. Milnes drew an overflow crowd at the high school auditorium last Wednesday evening.

Kenneth Burkhardt left Saturday to spend Christmas with his sister and family, the Jerry Hydes, of Flint.

Mrs. Pearl Babbitt went to Pierson to spend Christmas with her son, Maurice Babbitt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Papenfus and family spent Christmas Day in Roscommon.

The Whitey and Norman Madsen families spent Christmas Eve in Gaylord with their mother, Mrs. Carl Madsen and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond and children Miss Joan and Jimmy left Friday for a vacation in Florida. Johnny Bond is visiting his grandmother at Burnside. Clair Burns is enjoying the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burns of Detroit arrived Monday to spend the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burns. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burns are expected on Friday for the New Years weekend.

Emerson Hoesli is home after completing the sailing season on the Great Lakes.

Richard and Fred Niederer arrived home to spend Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Niederer after completing sailing on the Great Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Birdsall left Wednesday for Detroit to spend the remainder of the winter.

The George Granger family of Big Rapids spent Christmas weekend with his mother, Mrs. Celia Granger and all

the family gathered there for Christmas dinner.

The Leonard Allison are spending the holidays in Poland, Ohio.

Miss Maureen Campau, Pinconning, spent Christmas weekend guest of Mrs. C. J. McNamara and son, Larry.

### 69 Years Ago Dec. 29, 1927

Wednesday evening our local organization of Camp Fire Girls held their first ceremonial and Christmas party at the high school gymnasium with mothers and fathers of the girls as guests. Those present were Witanohi, Annabel Harris, Walohi, Ellen Speck, Litahne, Fern Chalkers, Rootima, Pauline Lietz, Shingabus, Betty Welsh, Saguasipi, Evelyn Johnson, Waw-ban-see, Elaine Reagan, Yb-oe-nish, Gale Welsh, Ma-ren-po, Elna Mae Sorenson, Ga Ta pochon, Doris Hemmingson, Wanaka, Ruth St. Peters, Nasawakee, Marion Hanson, Winnoa, Joyce Smith, O-aw-wen-sa, Jane Keyport, Minnehaha, Georgiana Olson.

Donald Herrick of Detroit and Howard Herrick of Flint arrived Saturday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herrick.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph have as their guests this week, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lubnau of Detroit, who were wed on December 24th. Mrs. Lubnau was formerly Miss Ruth Ryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac LaMotte and daughter of Detroit were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David LaMotte over Christmas.

A team of runaway horses belonging to Chris King tearing down Main Street Tuesday at terrific speed made one think of days gone by, when such sights were common. They collided with an automobile fender and an electric light pole in their flight but caused no damage to either.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized Saturday afternoon at the Congregational Church in Lewiston when Martha R. Stillwagon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stillwagon of Lovells became the bride of Wm. Halberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Halberg of Lewiston.

A. R. Craig, new proprietor of the Model Bakery is well pleased with the way the public has appreciated his baking.

### 94 Years Ago Dec. 25, 1901

O. Milnes of Frederic has bought out the livery business of John Rasmussen and is already in possession.

Deputy Sheriff Milnes made a slick capture at a camp in Kalkaska County last week of a man wanted in Clare for robbery.



## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on Ground	Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Tuesday's temperatures fall into the low 20s by afternoon, with 90% chance of snow. Wednesday's high is in the upper teens to 20, with low of 5 to 15 and light snow. Thursday's high is in the teens with low of 5-10, and partly cloudy. Friday's high expected to be in the upper teens and low of 5-10, and partly cloudy.
12/18	30	20	0.15	2.00	
12/19	23	-4	0.05	0.25	
12/20	16	-5	0.05	0.75	
12/21	22	9	0.02		
12/22	28	9	0.01		
12/23	34	28	0.27	3.50	
12/23 3:00 p.m.				8.00	

## LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF  
CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGSMeeting held on the 25th  
Day of November, 1996  
Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Golinick at 7:30 p.m.

II. Members Present: Stevens, Golinick, Akers, Ruddy, Moshier.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Judy Morford, Eric Gaertner from the Avalanche.

III. 96-117

Moved by Akers, supported by Stevens that the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 1996 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

IV. Citizens who wish to speak. None.

V. Communications were received and noted.

a. 1997 City Council Meeting Schedule.

b. 1997 City Holiday Schedule.

c. 1997 City Week-end Call Schedule.

d. October 1996 Finance Report.

VI. Old Business. None.

VII. New Business.

a. Sale of Surplus City Equipment.

96-118

Moved by Golinick, supported by Stevens to send our surplus city equipment to be auctioned off at the County Road Commission building with the county's surplus. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

VIII. Reports of City Manager.

a. Old City Car use information.

b. Blue Cross/Blue Shield Agent of Record. No action.

c. Submarine information.

d. Crawford County Millage Report.

e. C-Tec Bulletin Received.

f. On-Street Parking article in paper.

g. Planning Progress.

h. Re-count on Election for County Commissioner District #1.

i. Stopping burials at Elmwood Cemetery due to frozen ground until spring.

j. Street program for 1997. Will have more at next meeting.

k. November 20th Chamber Board Meeting.

l. Chief Shoppenagong property clean-up.

m. Letter from Fire Department Chief thanking City Council for gift certificates.

n. Regarding Residency situation SB766.

o. Railroad Lawsuit has been delayed by Railroad.

p. Article on Pat Gale.

q. Peter Stephan's letter regarding Chiefs Conference.

IX. Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Stevens would like a one week delay in the next Council Meeting.

96-119

Moved by Stevens, supported by Moshier to change the Regular December 9, 1996 City Council Meeting to December 16, 1996. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Mr. Ruddy mentioned the fact that the Keith Kenney family had moved the Hardee property. The City Manager has sent a letter to Mr. Kenney thanking him and his family.

X. Adjournment.

96-120

Moved by Golinick, supported by Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Jerry W. Morford  
City Manager

Lovely.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor, Terry R. Wright.

Grayling Township Invocation was led by its author, James Briney.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone welcomed Terry Wright, newly elected Supervisor, and Melvin (Pat) Nunn, newly elected Trustee to the Board.

Supervisor Wright introduced local dignitaries: Bruce Bretzke, Crawford County Board of Commissioners Chairperson and District 6 Commissioner; Robert Smock, District 5 Commissioner; Lynnette Corlew, District 4 Road Commissioner; James Briney, Director of the Road Commission for Crawford County and Supervisor Wright's wife, Linda Wright.

Motion by O'Mara, supported by Medler, to approve the minutes of November 12, 1996, as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for November 1996 was read and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE: (No action required)

GRA meeting schedule and listing of board and committee members; Crawford Roscommon Conservation District 11-96 meeting minutes; LMPAA "The Ripples" 11-96.

BUSINESS:

1. Stewart Rose has retired from the compactor. We thank him for his service over the years. There is need for a light near the recycling bins and an observation window in the compactor building.

2. Motion by O'Mara, supported by Nunn, to advertise for a part-time compact attendant and authorize installation of a light and observation window with costs not to exceed \$400.00. Roll call: Ayes: 5, Nays: none, motion carried.

3. Ashton offered the following resolution which was supported by O'Mara and unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the success of Township Government is dependent upon the willingness of its elected officials to devote their time and talents in the interest of good government, and

WHEREAS, November 20, 1996, marked the completion of the 12th year that Arnold T. Stancil has served Grayling Township as Supervisor, and

WHEREAS, during the twelve years he has given faithful, conscientious and valuable services, using sound judgment and a wise and kindly counsel,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grayling Township Board make formal acknowledgment of its appreciation of the services rendered by Arnold T. Stancil during his term of office and duly acknowledge the contribution which he has made to this community.

4. Ashton offered a motion, supported by O'Mara, thanking Lynnette Corlew for her contributions during the past four years, stating that Lynnette's acts are governed by a keen sense of duty and that she has a unique grasp of human problems, from many angles. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Motion by Ashton, supported by O'Mara, to recess regular session and open scheduled PUBLIC HEARING. All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor opened PUBLIC HEARING for proposed Special Assessment District for Maintenance of Clearwater Trail, Section 9, T26N, R3W.

The hearing is for the purpose of receiving and reviewing public comment from property owners regarding the necessity of creation of a Special Assessment District to spread the costs of snowplowing, grading and adding gravel between the property owners fronting Clearwater Trail or using same for access to their property.

An estimate has been submitted from Jack Millikin, Inc. for \$3,600.00 per year for a term of five years and would include snowplowing, grading and approximately 100 yards of gravel per year. No clearing or widening of the road is proposed.

Correspondence was read from Gary Fox, 1680 Clearwater Trail, stating he feels the estimate from Millikin is too high and other bids should be sought.

Howard Jarvis, 1594 Clearwater Trail, questioned the various methods of apportioning the costs among property owners.

Hal Carlson explained his understanding of Millikin's procedure.

Ashton explained that a decision did not have to be made at this hearing. The petition is good for six months. If property owners feel they need more information the matter could be tabled.

David Malm was drafted as spokesperson for the property owners and requested six days to gather information regarding the following: Solicit additional bids, determine an agreeable method of apportionment, and whether a private agreement for plowing and maintenance would serve better than an assessment district.

Motion by O'Mara, supported by Ashton, to close public hearing and return to regular session. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Nunn, supported by O'Mara, to table action on Clearwater Trail Special Assessment District until the February 11, 1997, Township Board meeting where a Public Hearing will be held at 8:00 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Ashton, support by Medler, to authorize Supervisor to write a letter to the Governor supporting Crawford County's efforts to gain title to the, currently closed, AuSable River Canoe Forest Campground on the

mainstream in Section 10, T26N, R3W. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Supervisor asked board members views on how the assessment roll should be viewed in the future? Should he seek certification as an assessor? Should current Level I Assessor, Curt Marshall be encouraged to seek Level II certification? Should a Level II be contracted to certify the rolls.

Board members agreed that they needed further information regarding costs and time frames involved in order to determine the best route. Wright was asked to bring estimates to the January meeting.

8. O'Mara reported that the Crawford County Transportation Authority is considering amendments to its Authorization Agreement, including increasing number of board members for better county wide representation and staggering terms of office. Dave Frederick will attend January meeting to explain details.

9. Supervisor Wright spoke to the Board regarding projects he would like to undertake, or at least investigate further, during the coming year. Included were: expanding recycling services, creating a Township Park and paving roads at the Cemetery.

10. Motion by O'Mara, supported by Medler, to authorize payment of bills on vouchers 18214-18216, 18234 through 18258, Guardian Dental \$324.00, Board &amp; Commission fees \$260.00, Liquor Inspections \$90.00, and International Computer Consultants \$2,680.00, for a grand total of \$20,083.16. Roll call: O'Mara, aye, Medler, aye, Nunn, aye; Ashton, aye, Wright, aye. Motion carried.

11. Motion by Medler, support by Ashton, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.  
Grayling Township Clerk

NOTICE OF

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by WILLIAM A. WINGFIELD and MARY K. WINGFIELD, husband and wife, whose address is 6232 M-72 West, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 3197 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated August 30, 1993, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on August 30, 1993, in Liber 364 of Crawford County Records on Pages 514 through 517, inclusive, such Mortgage being given to secure a loan to such Borrower on said date owing to the Government concerning the real estate hereafter described, and also by virtue of said Mortgage such Borrower on said date of August 30, 1993 assumed a prior Mortgage obligation owing to the Government by virtue of a certain real estate Mortgage made by Brent P. Shepleman and Cynthia L. Shepleman, husband and wife, to USDA, Farmers Home Administration, dated May 22, 1991 and recorded May 22, 1991 in Liber 325 of Crawford County Records on Pages 276 through 279, inclusive, which Mortgage obligation also included an assumption of a prior Mortgage obligation owing to the Government by virtue of a certain real estate Mortgage made by Michael J. Campbell and Mary E. Campbell, husband and wife, to USDA, Farmers Home Administration, dated November 25, 1981 and recorded in Liber 202 of Crawford County Records on Pages 377 through 380, inclusive, which obligations were expressly assumed by the borrowers, William A. Wingfield and Mary K. Wingfield, husband and wife, by virtue of a certain Assumption Agreement. By reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY AND 02/100 (\$35,320.02) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday January 16, 1997 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 7.75 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

Lot No. 10, Pine Point Subdivision, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 38, Crawford County Records. (Also commonly known as 6232 M-72 West, Grayling, Michigan 49738.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact: Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (517) 345-5470, facsimile (517) 345-4010.

Dated: December 11, 1996

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

Robert J. Zitta (P22749)

Attorney for Mortgagee

SCHEUERLE &amp; ZITTA

300 Washington Street

P.O. Box 212

Grand Haven, MI 49417

(616) 842-1470

SYNOPSIS  
BEAVER CREEK  
TOWNSHIPRegular Meeting  
December 9, 1996

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Riley. All board members were present. There were 8 guests present.

Minutes to the regular meeting of 11/11/96 were approved with one change.

Reports given by Treasurer, Firechief on Planning/Zoning, Fire Department and DPW.

Nine pieces of correspondence were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of policy that needs to be written for signs on private roads.

2. Discussion of purchase of vacuum cleaner for community center. More information is needed.

3. Discussion on grass mowing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by McDonough to provide gift certificates for employees. Second and carried.

2. McGregor moves to accept dates Turkey Federation wants use of the Community Center for their monthly meetings. Seconded and carried.

3. Motion by Mobarak to resubmit the nomination for the "Eustis Environmental Award" the same as last year.

4. Mobarak moves to collect summer taxes from school districts for the same price as last year. Seconded and carried.

5. Discussion regarding the replacement/upgrading of office computers with Board agreeing Supervisor should continue to get necessary bids.

6. McGregor stated research needs to be done on lot in Switzerville owned by Township.

7. Motion by Mobarak to AP bills. Seconded and carried.

8. Mobarak moves we transfer \$500.00 to the Park Fund. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Sharon Hanman, Clerk

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STATE OF

MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT

COURT FOR THE

COUNTY OF

CRAWFORD

File No. 96-4024-CH(D)

TWO LAKES BUILDING

CORPORATION, a Michigan corporation,

Plaintiffs

v.

JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A

TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT

OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16,

1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN

SCOTT GLADWIN, RICHARD T. DUHL

AND DONNA M. DUHL,

Defendants

LAW OFFICES OF

GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C.

By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123

Attorney for Plaintiff

241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35

Roscommon, MI 48653

(517) 275-4365

ORDER TO ANSWER

On the 10th day of October, 1996, an action was filed by Plaintiff, against Defendants in this court to pursue a judgment to quiet title against the Defendants concerning the following described real property:

Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan; Lot 677, INDIAN GLENS OF THE AU SABLE NO. 6, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, pages 1-14, Crawford County Records.

Upon consideration of the Complaint of Plaintiff, attesting to the fact that the whereabouts of the Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, RICHARD T. DUHL and DONNA M. DUHL, is unknown, that therefore service upon Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, RICHARD T. DUHL and DONNA M. DUHL, shall file their answer with the Court and serve a copy of their answer on LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff whose address is 241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35, Roscommon, MI 48653, or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 9th day of January, 1997.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against the Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Crawford County Avalanche.

Date of Order: 11/14/96

HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS

(P-24472)

Circuit Court Judge

-5-12-19-26

MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE  
SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR

ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert A. HOWDEN and Lisa R. HOWDEN, husband and wife to Express Funding, Inc., a Nevada Corporation dba EFL Funding.

Mortgagee, dated January 26, 1996 and recorded on February 1, 1996 in Liber 406, on page 446-453, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, a Trustee as assignee, by an assignment dated November 19, 1996, which was recorded on December 9, 1996, in Liber 422, on Page 442, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven and 23/100 dollars (\$24,657.23), including interest at 11.290% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 11:00 AM o'clock, on February 5, 1997.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3, Block 24, ROFFEYS ADDITION

TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 61, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600 §24(1a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 1996

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, a Trustee

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

(810) 642-4202

Trot &amp; Trot, P.C.

Attorneys for BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee.

30150 Telegraph

Suite 100

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025

File #96105844

-26-2-9-16-21

STATE OF

MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT

COURT FOR THE

COUNTY OF

CRAWFORD

File No. 96-4023-CH(D)

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CORPORATION, a Michigan corporation,

Plaintiffs

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TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT

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JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT

GLADWIN, CLIFFORD PETTIGREW,

Defendants

LAW OFFICES OF

GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C.

By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123

Attorney for Plaintiff

241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35

Roscommon, MI 48653

(517) 275-4365

ORDER TO ANSWER

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(P-24472)

Circuit Court Judge

-5-12-19-26

SYNOPSIS  
SOUTH BRANCH  
TOWNSHIPMinutes  
of Regular Board  
Meeting Held On

December 10, 1996

These minutes are unapproved.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Huffman at 7:30 p.m.

1. Approved to amend November minutes as presented

2. Approved to reinstate Smith to both fire and ambulance departments.

3. Fire and Ambulance reports read by Chief. Personnel to attend approved Trauma class.

4. Approved for Smith to be reimbursed for insurance

5.

## Community BINGO Calendar

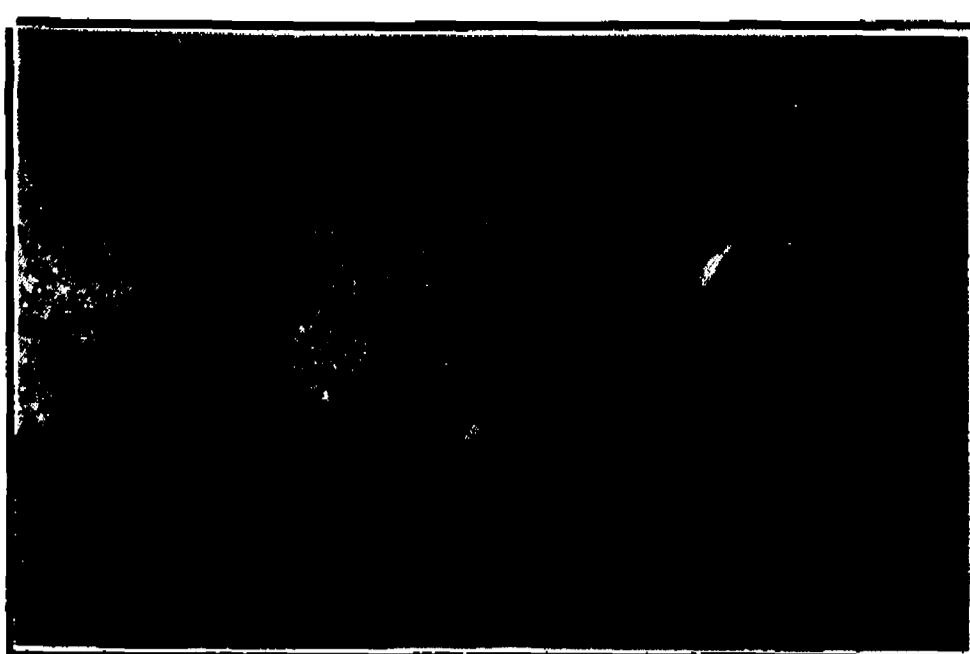
**Wednesday - 11 am**  
**Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465**  
 Eagles Club, 602 Huron Grayling

**Wednesday - 6:30 pm**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
 K of C Hall, 604 Norway Grayling

**Thursday - 7 pm**  
**American Legion Hall**  
 Post 106 - Grayling

**Friday - 6:30 pm**  
**Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465**  
 Eagles Club, 602 Huron Grayling

**Saturday - 6:30 pm**  
**Frederic Volunteer Fire Department**  
 Frederic Township Hall



**LOWE SWORN-IN** — Allen Lowe takes the oath of office for his third term as a state representative. Administering the oath of office is Judge John Hunter. Photo by Eric Gaertner



## FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M

### Cortisone: yes and no

A cortisone injection or insert can feel like a life saver to someone suffering from a condition like plantar fasciitis, which is marked by severe pain in the middle and inside rear of the heel. Cortisone does not spell relief for all pain problems, however, not even in some cases that might seem to be likely candidates. Achilles tendinitis is a good example. It is a condition that frequently develops following the appearance of plantar fasciitis, as the dense fiber that runs underneath the foot puts extra stress on the Achilles tendon in an attempt to compensate for its own weakness. While cortisone may be part of the solution to the plantar fasciitis, it can have a disastrous effect on the Achilles tendon, which is just one area of the body that tends to react negatively to cortisone. The drug can actually eat away at the tendon weakening it, even leading to a rupture.

When you first visit our offices at **GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C.**, we'll conduct a physical exam and diagnostic tests to determine your foot problem. Once a diagnosis is made, we'll develop a treatment plan designed to relieve your discomfort or correct the problem. We'll also give you helpful tips for avoiding foot problems in the future. We offer a wide range of modern podiatric treatments and procedures here at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City, MI 49781-9100. Also, Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings. We wish you a healthy, happy 1997.

P.S. Just as plantar fasciitis can sometimes cause a case of Achilles tendinitis, Achilles tendinitis can result in plantar fasciitis.

## Grayling home-town 'boy' takes oath for final term

People said he didn't have a chance when he decided to run for state representative four years ago, but look at him now.

Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) was sworn-in Thursday (Dec. 19) night at the Crawford County Courthouse for his third and final two-year term to the Michigan House of Representatives.

Governmental officials and residents from four counties showed up to witness the event.

Judge John Hunter, who went to school and played on the football and track teams with Lowe, administered the oath of office.

According to Lowe, most of his fellow state representatives were sworn-in following this year's final session by a judge they didn't know. He said he felt this was a better way to do it.

Hunter told the audience prior to administering the oath that Lowe is the true definition of a state representative: he represents the views of the people of his district.

Following the oath of office, Lowe told those in attendance that he would continue to make decisions based on the majority of people's opinion in his district.

## DISTRICT COURT

Appearing before Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Michael Joseph Konecny of Grayling, pled guilty to the charges of Op Under Influence Of Liquor and Op W/Blood Alcohol Level .10%, and was fined \$725 and placed on one year probation.

Ernest Gaylord Schutt of New Baltimore, pled guilty to the charge of Cont. Subt-Use Of Marihuana, and was fined \$410.

Dennis Glenn Johnson of Lansing, pled guilty to the charge of License Suspended/Revoked, and was fined \$260.

Travis Steven Weaver of Frederic, pled guilty to the charge of Assault/ Assault & Battery, and received no fine.

Jeremy Edward Tanski of Salt Lake City, pled guilty to the charge of Rec/ Conceal Stolen Prop U/\$100, and was fined \$190.

Nannette Anna York of Frederic, pled guilty to the charge of Non Sufficient Funds U/\$50, and was fined \$160.

Thomas Irwin Mason of East Lansing, pled guilty to the charge of Cont Subt-Use Of Marihuana, and was fined \$410.

## Unemployment rate up in county, region

Crawford County's unemployment rate went up nearly two-percentage points in November compared to the month of October.

The Michigan Employment Security Commission lists the county's civilian labor force to be 5,475 with 450 of those listed under unemployment.

The county was only .3 percentage points greater than the 7.9 percent unemployment rate posted in November 1995.

The northern Lower Peninsula region as a whole also has an increase in the unemployment rate compared to the prior month.

The northern Lower Peninsula's unemployment rate in November was 7.6 percent, which was 1.9 percentage points higher than the rate posted in October for the area and 1.1 percentage points lower than the 8.7 percent rate for November 1995.

Over the month in the region, wage and salary employment declined by 3,900 jobs. Staff reductions were almost entirely seasonal in nature, as the fall season began for the area.

The greatest job losses occurred in retail trade and non-professional services at area shops, restaurants, resorts and golf courses.

Season drops also took place in state government as area parks released temporary summer help, and in other sectors such as real estate, transportation, construction and mining.

Gains were concentrated in local education as schools brought back support staff and local other government with the boost caused by November elections.

Compared with a year ago, wage and salary employment has grown by 5,275 jobs or 3.0 percentage points. Over the year job growth in private services was the greatest with 1,700 new positions posted, which was a gain of 4.1 percent.

Retail trade had the second highest increase in additional jobs with employment growing by 1,400 people or 3.4 percent. Gains incurred in both durable and non-durable goods sectors (primarily durable goods) offset declines, giving employment in manufacturing a slight net gain over the year of 325 jobs or 1.0 percentage point.

Government jobs grew by 775 or 2.5 percent annually, boosted by gains in local government. Construction continued to show good improvement over the year with an increase of 625 new jobs or 6.2 percent.

November's unemployment rate compares unfavorably with the Michigan rate of 4.2 percent and the national rate of 5.0 percent.

The highest rate in the northern Lower Peninsula during November was recorded in Cheboygan County at 14.3 percent, while the lowest rate was in Grand Traverse County at 4.3 percent.

## MILITARY NEWS

### Paul Bobenmoyer

Paul Bobenmoyer who has been stationed in Little Rock Air Force Base has been transferred to Yokota Air Base, Japan.

He will be there for a three-year tour. His wife Beckie has joined him there. Their new address is:

Paul and Beckie Bobenmoyer  
 PSC78  
 Box 3248  
 APO AP 96326

## Taxpayers eligible for No Form program

The Michigan Department of Treasury is reminding Michigan workers that they may be eligible to participate in the state's new No Form Income Tax program. The program could eliminate the need to file a state income tax return on April 15, 1998 for individuals who have wage and salary income subject to withholding and who do not have other income over \$100 (\$200 for joint filers).

To find out about this program, employees can visit their company's personnel office for information. To sign up for the No Form program, they will be asked to fill out a new W-4 form before the end of the first pay period of 1997.

It is estimated that 500,000 households are eligible to use the No Form program.

Treasury officials caution that if a taxpayer is eligible for any of the income tax credits available on the MI-1040 form, then the taxpayer may not want to use the No Form program. The income credits are not available to No Form filers.

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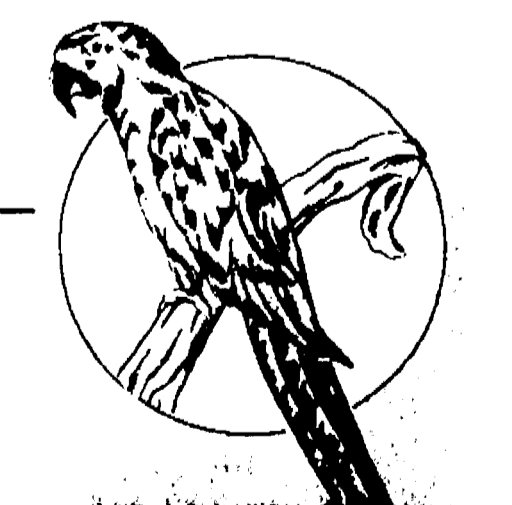
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# Merry Christmas

## From All Over Town



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348-8622



Well seasoned wishes for a holiday filled with joy. It has been our great privilege to know and serve you.

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A joyous Holiday Season to all our current and future members in Northeast Michigan.

*Howard W. Spencer*  
Howard W. Spencer  
Chairman

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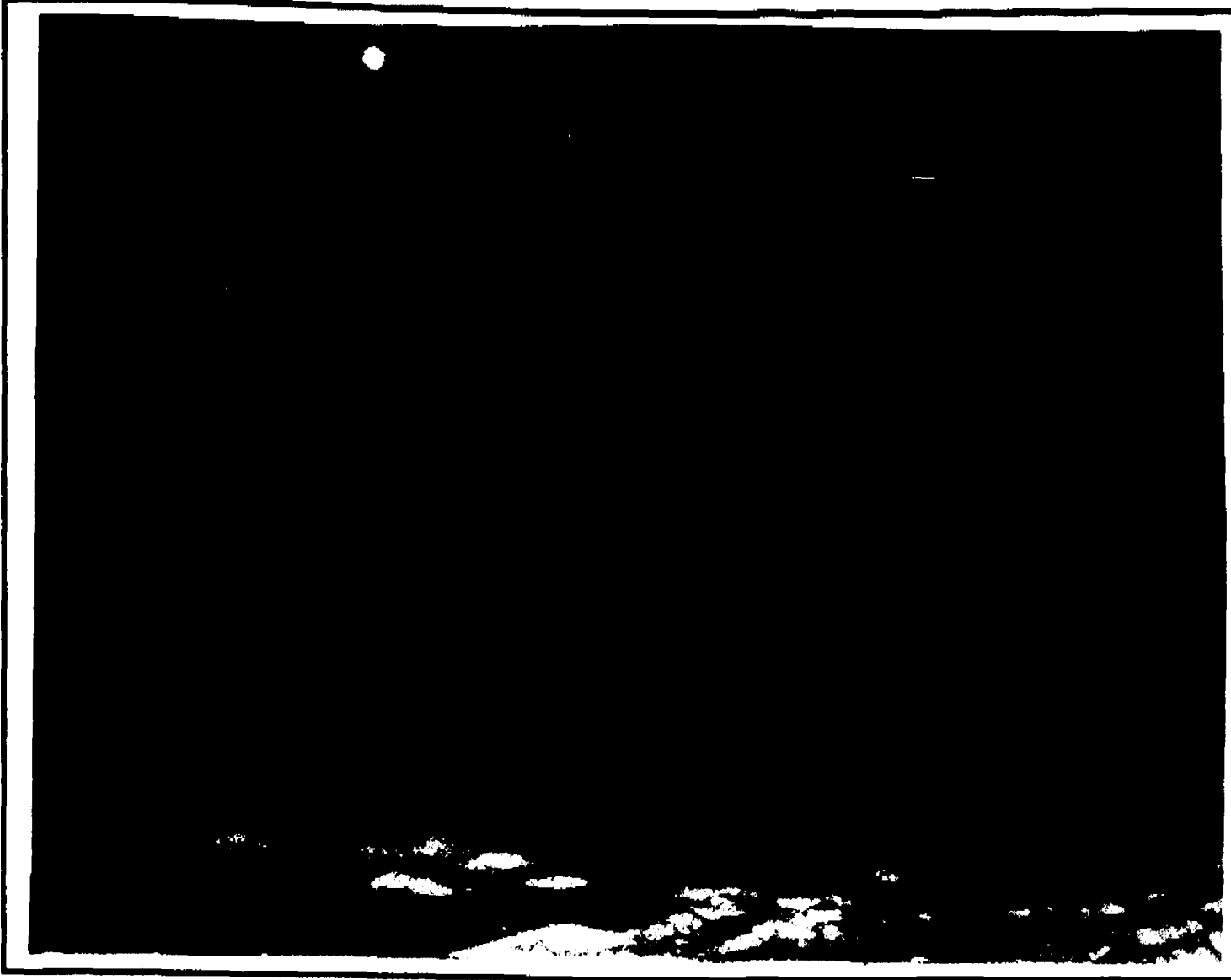
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**Yuletide Greetings**

Santa's sleigh is on the way and so are our very best wishes. Hope your season delivers a whole load of fun.  
**Merry Christmas, everyone!**

**From the Staff & Management of Wendy's of Grayling**



**SINGING CHRISTMAS TUNES** — A group of fifth-grade students from the Grayling Elementary School sang some Christmas carols during the Mercy Hospital "Lights of Love" ceremony Friday, Dec. 13. A group of residents turned out for the ceremony in which the donations given to the hospital during the holiday season were announced.

## Children's artwork contest to go nationwide

Imagine having something you drew travel all over America for millions to see. Wouldn't it be exciting to have the oldest and largest fundraising campaign rotate around your piece of art?

The American Lung Association, in partnership with Triaminc's Parents Club, invite children ages six to 15 to enter the 1996 Christmas Seals Kids' Drawing Contest by drawing what *Feeling Good During the Holidays* means to them.

In Michigan alone, there are more than 150,000 children with asthma. Triaminc's Parents Club will donate \$1 for every entry form submitted, to support the American Lung Association's programs for children. Last year, the contest raised approximately \$77,000 for the fight against lung disease.

Drawings must be in color on a sheet of 8 1/2 x 11 white, unlined paper. The drawing should illustrate

"Things That Make Me Feel Good During the Holidays."

Children will compete at the state level for a My First Sony® Personal electronic sketchpad. The Grand Prize winner will receive an Intel® personal computer, color inkjet printer and graphics software. Winning drawings will be chosen from each of the 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands and from the American military families living abroad.

Drawings must be received by March 31, 1997. For an entry form, call the American Lung Association of Michigan at (800) LUNG USA.

Young people are fighting each day to combat lung disease any way they can. Help support the American Lung Association of Michigan and the people with lung disease in your community by putting Christmas Seals on all of your holiday packages and letters.



**CLOTHING DONATIONS** — Donations from Make a Difference Day at the Crawford County Courthouse were distributed from Sandy Moore (left) to Grayling Elementary School secretary Donna Lehto.

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## THE GARDEN CORNER

A service of the Crawford County MSU Extension Office

Oh, Tannenbaum!

If you're planning a guilt-free Christmas this year, intending to purchase a live (not cut) tree that will hail the holidays for years to come, you should be ready to:

- spend a fair amount of money, and
- prepare your tree's permanent home-to-be well ahead of time.

Advice on how to care for your tree after the holiday is as plentiful as the number of tree growers out there. The following method has been tried and proven successful.

Before the ground freezes, dig the hole in the location where it will grow best. Line the hole with plastic and fill with leaves. The soil that was removed must also be kept workable, so either store it in the garage or under some protective cover. After Christmas,

don't just plunk your tree outside in its new home — it must first become acclimated to the colder temperatures. When your tree is ready for the great outdoors, plant as usual and water in.

For you folks who have already come to terms with the cut-tree guilt issues — congratulations — don't forget that those pine boughs will make a great protective cover for your roses through the winter.

**Question:** What causes the flower buds to drop off of holiday cacti?

**Answer:** Too much water, too much nitrogen fertilizer, low light and high temperatures can cause flower bud drop in Christmas and Thanksgiving cacti. Moving a plant from one spot to another may also cause buds to drop, especially if the relative humidity in the new area is low.

## DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter,  
North Higgins Lake State Park

We have all heard and sung the carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas" in which, as you recall, the following birds are mentioned: a Partridge, Turtledoves, French Hens, Calling Birds, Geese and Swans. Since this Christmas Carol probably originated in England the partridge was likely the Gray Partridge, a native of England.

The Turtledoves were most likely European Turtledoves which are close relatives of the pigeons found in our cities and towns as well as the now extinct passenger pigeons. By the way, the doves represented faithfulness and true love.

The French Hens were probably Guinea Fowl which originated in West Africa. Portuguese merchants are credited with the importation of Guinea Fowl into France sometime in the 1500s. They are related to the pheasant, chicken and turkey. If you are not familiar with the Guinea, they have naked, vulture-like heads and black and white speckled backs.

The Calling Birds were likely "colly" birds, which in English means to blacken as with soot or coal dust. Colly Birds were thus European

Blackbirds which have a talent for singing. These are the blackbirds that figure in the nursery rhyme pie.

The Geese were without doubt domestic geese which were related descendants of the wild Greylag Geese of Europe. Geese were a valuable source of feathers (for feather beds and quill pens), not to mention for the meat. By the way, the German's, in the 1500s, stuffed roast goose with apples, while the English of that time stuffed theirs with sage and onions.

The Swans were almost certainly Mute Swans, originally from Europe. (Young Mute Swans are dingy brown, accounting for the story of the ugly duckling.) Mute Swans were considered "royal fowl", costing as much as a pig and were the favored dish of nobility during the medieval period.

The above information came from "12 Days and 184 Birds" by Rebecca Rupp, and if you want to read an enjoyable article, locate the 1996 Christmas Book of Early American Homes. May the New Year bring pleasant surprises and much joy. In the meantime may your Holidays be joyous.



## Help with utility problems available

Most consumers would be unable to make it through a day without the benefits received from natural gas, electric, and telephone services. Yet, on occasion, problems may arise with the utility service.

Consumers are encouraged to first call their utility company to discuss and resolve all service problems. If no resolution is reached, the consumer should then call the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) for help in dealing with the issue.

The MPSC's Service Quality staff are available to assist residents Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. by calling toll-free 1-800-292-9555. Those wishing to report

an inoperative payphone can call 1-800-984-8868.

There are rules and standards governing many aspects of utility operations and the MPSC can help consumers make sure they are being followed. While many problems result from communication breakdowns, others are more complicated but easily resolved once some standards have been applied.

Consumer complaints and inquiries are also accepted on the MPSC's Home Page (E-mail address) at <http://ermisweb.state.mi.us/mpsc>.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

## Be 'First A Friend' this holiday season

Cyberspace is all the rage this year, so why not give your holiday party a cyberkick by including "Mocha Megabyte" among the beverage choices? Or maybe your guests would prefer an "On-Lime Mango Margarita Byte" or a "Kahlua Keyboard (.COM Cooler)"

Recipes for these and other cyberspace-themed holiday drinks can be found in AAA Michigan's "Great Pretenders Party Guide," a booklet of alcohol-free drink recipes available free at all Auto Club branch offices.

"The purpose of the party guide is to help reduce alcohol-related highway deaths and injuries, especially during the holiday season when these numbers tend to rise," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Last year's Christmas and

New Year's holiday period claimed 30 lives in 28 traffic crashes statewide. Seven of those victims lost their lives in alcohol-related crashes."

The theme of the Auto Club's 16th annual "Great Pretenders Party Guide" is "Holiday Cheer in Cyberspace." It features 15 recipes by Michigan residents who were selected as finalists in three regional "Zero-Proof Mix-Off" contests held in October. Finalist drinks were selected based on taste, appearance and adherence to the contest theme.

Recipes from residents statewide include "On-Lime Mango Margarita Byte" by Betsy Tjapkes, first place winner of the Traverse City regional contest; "Mocha Megabyte" by Dion Frischer, first place winner of the Birmingham regional contest; and

"Kahlua Keyboard (.COM Cooler)" by Jan Smith, first place winner of the Grand Rapids regional contest.

The booklet, distributed through many traffic safety organizations, also contains favorite alcohol-free drinks from members of the Michigan media.

Among the party tips listed in the booklet:

- Don't force alcoholic drinks on guests.
- Serve protein-rich starchy foods throughout the evening to help retard alcohol absorption.
- Encourage car pooling among guests. Give a small gift to all designated drivers.

The guide and contests are part of AAA Michigan's "First A Friend, Then A Host" holiday alcohol-awareness campaign.

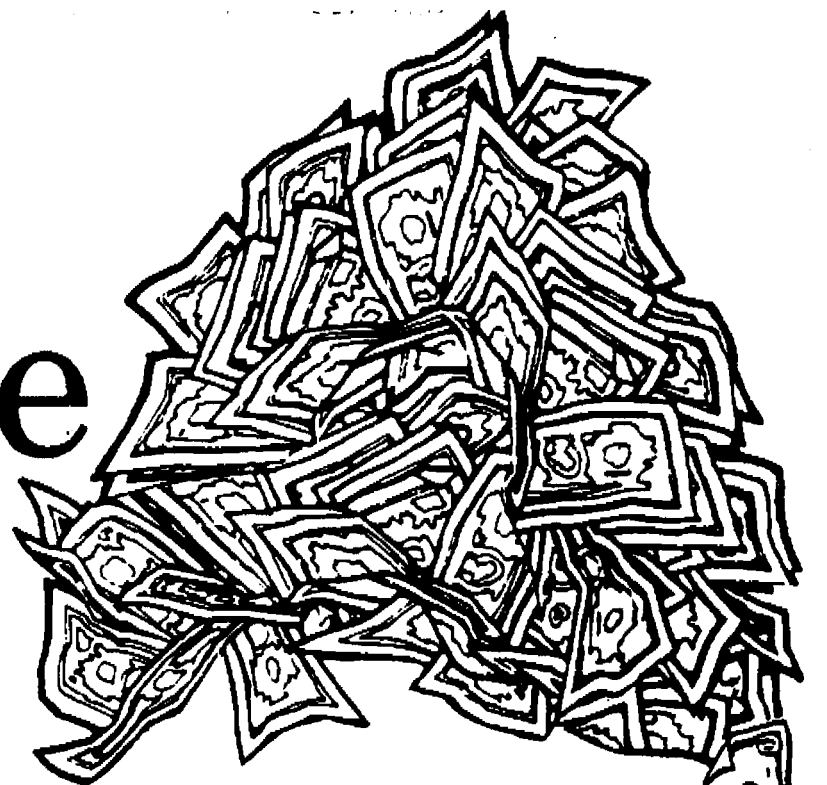
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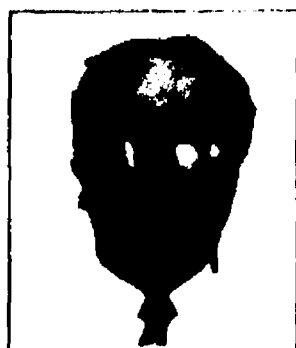
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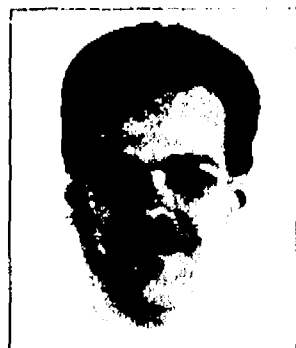


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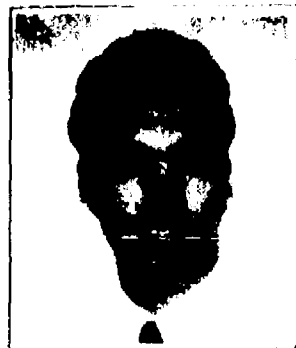
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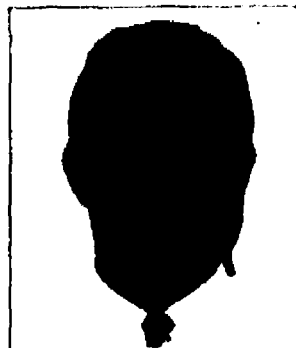
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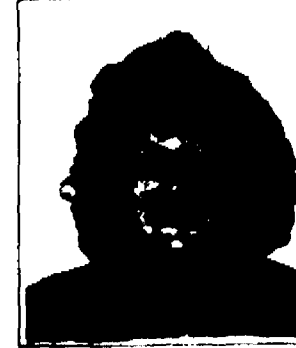
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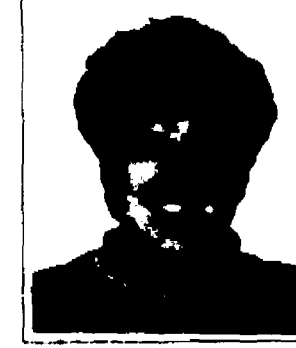
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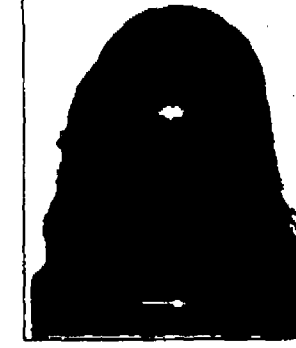
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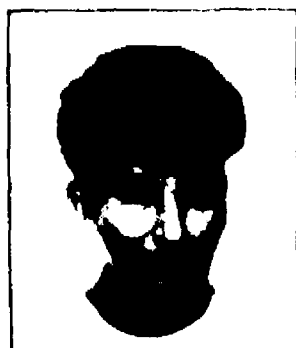
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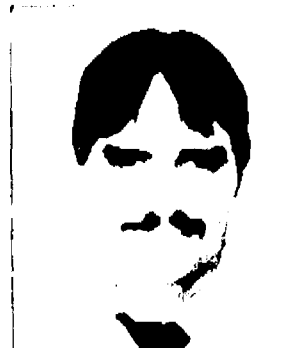
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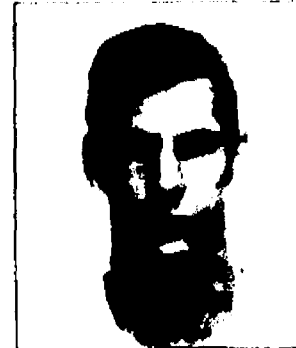
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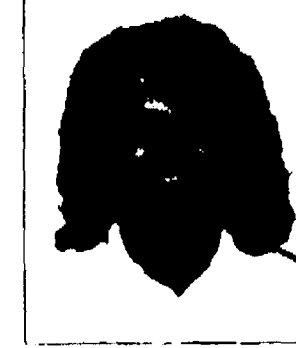
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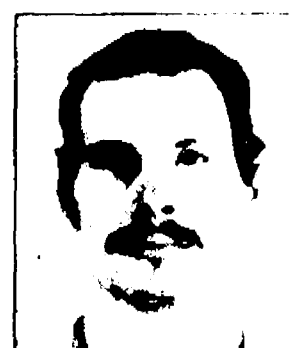
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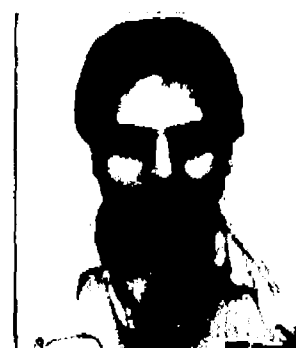
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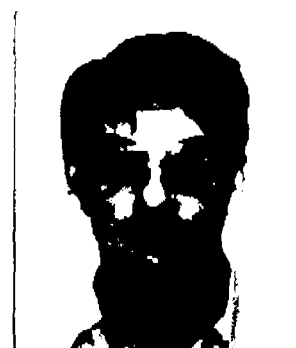
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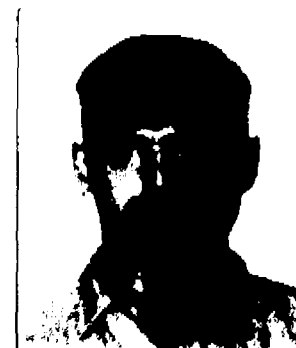
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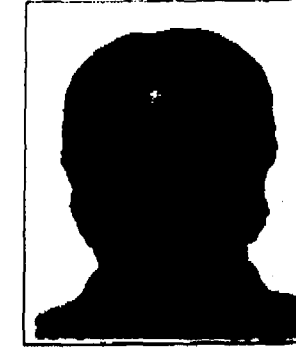
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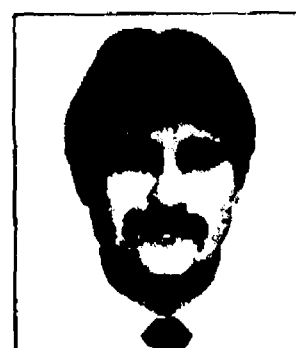
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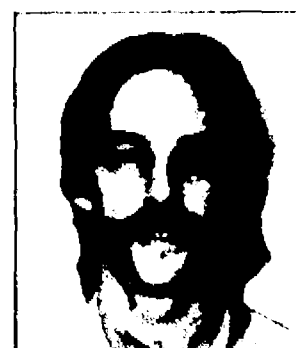
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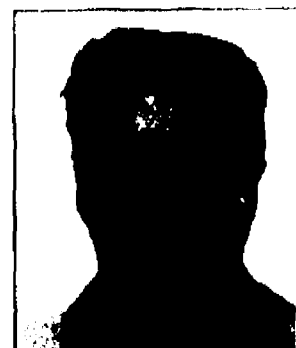
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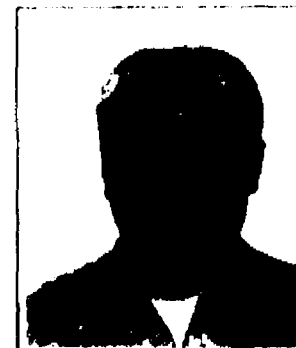
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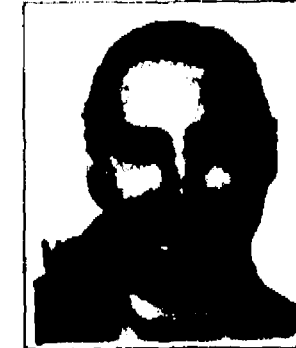
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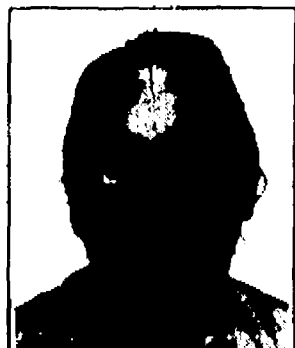
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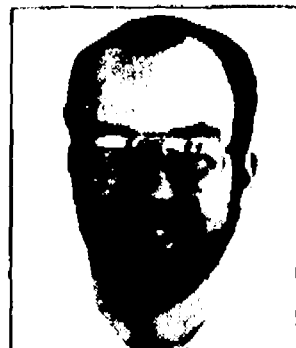
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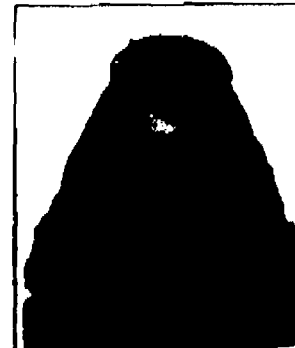
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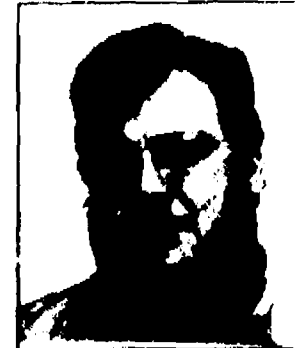
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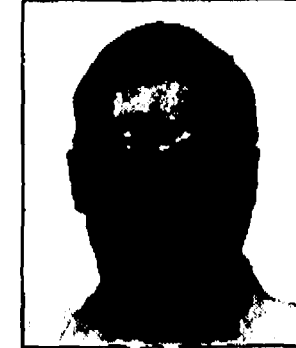
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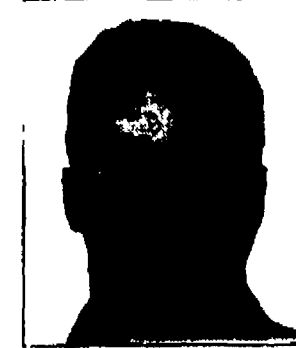
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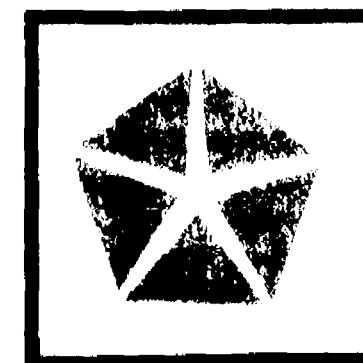


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